

In reply to a letter to Dr. John H. Bower of Syracuse, Dr. J. N. Hurty secretary of the state board of health, has gone on record as being in favor of school children waiting to school whenever possible. He says it is about the only chance the children of today have to exercise. The letter from Dr. Bower was at the instigation of a number of persons whose children were compelled to walk from day and night to school because the conditions would not provide a school bus. In reply Dr. Hurty said the matter was not one in which the state board could interfere as it was a condition which endangered public health.

In addition Dr. Hurty said the waiting did the children more good than anything else they might do. "I wish," he said, "I could selfish every school back in the state and make all the children walk, where the disease is not too late. Even though the roads were rough and the weather cold I would have them walk. For the most part children live in unventilated homes, they in unventilated school rooms, and the time they spend on the road to and from school is about their only chance for exercise. The oxygen these children get on the road is necessary to overcome the poison they get in their unventilated homes and school rooms."

"Moreover most of the school children of today are great eaters of pickles and cheap candies, by which they take into their bodies a great deal of poisonous material. The fresh air they breathe when walking to and from school is the best thing in the world to help them rid themselves of these poisons."

"Tell those complaining 'patrons,'" he told Dr. Bower, "that they do not know how well off their children are."

UN-EARTH HUMAN BONES.

Bluffton People Dig Up Skull and Several Fingers.

A. A. Waugh and son, Earl, residing on a farm east of the city, made some rather gruesome finds Tuesday evening, Wednesday and today. While working in a gravel pit on the Waugh farm a human skull, along with the femur, and other bones of the arm and leg, besides a large number of smaller bones, supposedly fingers and toes, were unearthed by the two men.

The finding of the bones is already bringing many speculations from those acquainted with the fact, and many conjectures have been formed as to whose bones they really were. Mr. Waugh and son are of the opinion that they are the bones of some Indian who was buried there years ago, when this neighborhood was the home of red men. The men intend to take the bones to physicians in this city and have them classified, although the skull was in a well preserved state, showing that it was undoubtedly that of a human being—Bluffton Banner.

BOOST THE LECTURE COURSE.

The senior class of the Decatur high school is hustling for the lecture course. In every way they deserve support. The lecture course aids the community, helps those who attend, furnishing several evenings of entertainment, and the proceeds will go toward the piano fund. On the program this year are some of the best men who appear on the American platform. They will start in circulation thoughts that will uplift and broaden. You should attend your assessment and do it willingly and gladly.

Huntington, Ind., Oct. 25.—The appearance of a petition for signatures by Huntington business men, addressed to the board of commissioners and asking that the contract of the county with the Cincinnati, Bluffton & Chicago Railroad Company be changed to permit the electrification of the line by probable purchasers under the circuit court's order for sale to satisfy claims, has disclosed one of the biggest traction deals in Indiana within the last decade.

It discloses the fact that A. B. Terrell & Company of Chicago, extensive interurban line owners throughout the extreme northern part of Indiana, have an option for the purchase of the Marion, Bluffton & Eastern interurban line, the Bluffton, Geneva & Celina interurban line and are the only probable purchasers of the C. B. & C. railroad, covering sixty miles between Portland and Huntington.

It also discloses the fact that this big firm proposes to extend the line of the C. B. & C. railroad north through Huntington after its electrification is completed, running it north to South Bend to connect with the lines it already owns which run into Chicago.

The successful termination of this series of deals, which has been quietly worked upon by the firm for the last month or longer, would practically complete the network of electric lines that in the last ten years has rapidly spread its great web throughout the northern part of the state. It would, incidentally, release a considerable amount of northern Indiana capital now tied up in the M. B. & E. and the B. G. & C. interurban lines and would bring to an end the dream of enthusiastic promoters who built the sixty-mile stretch of the C. B. & C. railroad.

It is now believed that the success of the transaction is assured as Huntington county after a long and troublesome experience with the railroad for which Huntington township, comprised largely of the city of Huntington, voted a subsidy of \$98,500, is thoroughly tired of the railroad business.

Huntington business men are seizing eagerly upon the plan set forth in the petition which was put into circulation today and it promises to have such a long list of signers within a week that the board of commissioners can not do otherwise than grant the request made through it.

WAS GOOD MEETING.

Not for some time was there such an interesting meeting of the Elks' lodge as the one of Friday evening, when many of the members responded to the call to be present for the evening. Outside of the regular line of business which was attended to and disposed of, a social session followed and which was highly enjoyed by all present. One of the best represented crowds for some weeks was present and the evening was one of great pleasure and interest. Several short addresses by members were also made. A banquet was served by the Holy Cafe, there being fifty plates, and a smoker followed. These banquets will be given henceforth at every meeting.

LEAVES HOME SUDDENLY.

Theresa Ehinger left the home of August Urbahn, at 705 West Perry street, about 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and has not been heard from by her employer or her parents since. She took none of her clothing with her and wore only the dress in which she had been working. Her parents at 1443 Franklin avenue, know nothing of her whereabouts and they entertain the fear that she may have committed suicide. The police have been asked to look for her and orders have been issued to the men to try to locate her.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

A CAPABLE COMPANY.

One of the best dramatic organizations on the road at the present time, according to press reports from all parts of the country, is the one that will appear here in the near future in that well and favorably known play, "Thelma." Every member of this company has been chosen for his or her peculiar fitness for the part they are required to portray. The result is that each character will be a living reality, resulting in a well nigh perfect performance. The attraction has

met with a hearty welcome wherever it has appeared and the local manager is pleased to announce to the public that he has had the good fortune to secure it for this city. The date has been set for Thursday, November 1, and we do hope the patrons will demonstrate their appreciation of a real dramatic attraction.

Charles Hockendorfer, the Geneva junk dealer, charged with assault and battery with intent to commit rape on Mrs. James Brian, the deaf mute, and who was placed on trial Thursday morning in the Adams circuit court, was found guilty of assault and battery only, and his punishment fixed at a fine of \$100, according to the verdict returned by the jury at 3 o'clock this morning, reading as follows: "We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of assault and battery and we fix his punishment at a fine of \$100. W. A. Fennor, foreman." The fine and costs of the case, the entire amount to be charged against the man, will be about \$150, and as he will probably be unable to pay, he will very likely be in jail for some time, serving out the fine and costs at the rate of a dollar a day. The case went to the jury at 5 o'clock Friday evening, the jury taking ten hours to arrive at a verdict. It is said that the jurors stood about eleven to one from the beginning in favor of the verdict finally returned. The court rendered judgment at once on the verdict.

A petition for the parole of Ben Lett and John Durbin, who were sentenced to the Jefferson reformatory September 12, 1910, for a period of from one to fourteen years upon conviction for grand larceny, that of horse stealing, will be forwarded to the officials.

Final report as to Christ Drayer, and account current as to Henry and Charles Drayer, filed by the guardian, Christ G. Egler, was approved and the guardian discharged as to Christ.

Charles C. Schug vs. Bank of Berne, appointment of receiver. Affidavit for change of venue from county filed.

Real estate transfers: Edwin Michael to Clement O. Michael, lots 62, 63, 64, 65, Cayton, quit claim deed, \$100.

The Adams county commissioners met with the Jay county commissioners at Portland Friday on business relating to the proposed Schafer Ford gravel road between Bear Creek township, Jay county, and Washburn township, Adams county, hearing the viewers' report on the same, which was accepted. The order for the construction of the same was continued.

The change of venue asked by Mary Steele in the divorce suit against Eli W. Steele was granted and the case sent to the Jay circuit court.

Marriage licenses: Rosa Bollenbacher, born October 11, 1886, daughter of Jacob and Maggie Bollenbacher, to wed John H. Becker, born October 1, 1885, farmer, of Mercer county, Ohio, son of Jacob Becker. The couple were married here this morning by Squire Stone. Lulu Mesherberger, born September 11, 1892, daughter of Christ and Mary Mesherberger, to wed John Clayton Holloway, farmer, born January 21, 1890, son of George W. and Eva Holloway.

His last sermons as pastor of the Decatur Baptist church will be preached tomorrow morning and evening by the Rev. C. E. Ehle, who recently accepted the call to the pastorate of the South Side Baptist church in Fort Wayne. The pastor to succeed him here has not been selected, though several are on the eligible list, and an early selection will be made. The Rev. Ehle has been pastor of the local church about fifteen months and during this time his efforts have resulted in a great upbuilding, both materially and spiritually, and that he will be eminently successful in the new field which is a much larger one, is assured. He leaves here with the regret, but the very best wishes, of all.

ABOUT THE SICK.

Charles Duff and daughter, Velma, of Wren, Ohio, changed cars here en route to Fort Wayne, where the little girl is receiving medical treatment for infantile paralysis. She is improving.

Mrs. P. L. Andrews has been seriously sick since Wednesday afternoon, her ailment having developed into a well-pronounced case of appendicitis. It has not yet been determined whether an operation will be necessary.

Now that the success of the proposition of the Fort Wayne & Springfield interurban company, which is controlled by the Fledderjohns

brothers of Decatur, to extend to Portland seems assured, there begins to be talk in traction circles of a new electric freight route connecting this city with Indianapolis and other points south. Such a route could easily be established by making use of this line to Portland, from Portland to Muncie over the line of the Muncie & Portland Traction company, and the rest of the way to the state capital via the Indiana Union.

It has been suspected for some time that the Fledderjohns have been waiting patiently for a good opportunity to break in on the Fort Wayne to Indianapolis and intermediate freight route, and if the extension to Portland is completed, which now seems assured, the connecting link will have been established. The only thing to be feared is that it may be difficult to obtain the co-operation of the Indiana Union Traction company, as it is understood that this line has an agreement with the Fort Wayne & Northern Indiana.

The Fort Wayne & Springfield and the Muncie & Portland will stand together at any rate, and they will operate for mutual benefit at every opportunity. The officials of both of these lines made an inspection trip only yesterday over the line of the Fort Wayne & Springfield from Decatur to Fort Wayne, discussing the possibilities which the opening of the new extension will open up.—Fort Wayne News.

A GRAND FUR OPENING.

Mr. Siffen, representative of the largest furrier company in the country, that is located in Detroit, Mich., a house where the furs are made up in the finest and best style, was in charge of the grand fur opening at the Niblick store Friday. The attendance being very large. The fur display was exceedingly fine.

SCHOOL BOARD ALLOWED BILLS.

The city school board met Friday evening and closed up the business for the month, allowing the pay rolls of the teachers, janitors and other employees of the schools, and also the other bills coming before them at this time.

A THIRTEEN-POUND RADDISH.

Theodore Bleeke, of Union township, brought in a giant raddish today which weighed thirteen pounds and which is displayed in our window. Theodore will raise nine acres of sugar beets next year and if this raddish is a sample of what his soil will do, look out for a bumper crop from the farm.

Charles A. Grathouse, state superintendent of public instruction, says the department has not made any special arrangements for the observance of Arbor Day, next Friday and that whatever observance is held will be in the hands of local school authorities. The state course of study, which is issued annually, contains a tentative program for the day. Because of the expense no special program has been issued for several years.

Mr. Grathouse said he was not in favor of giving an entire afternoon to observance of the day, as the schools could scarcely afford to take that much time.

"The lesson intended to be taught on Arbor day is one that should be taught indirectly in the schools every day in the school year," he said. "I do not believe taking a half day once a year will do as much good as ought to be done along this line. Almost every week I am compelled to refuse to grant a half day for the study of this or that, requested by some club or organization. The schools can not afford to take the time."

EAGLES' MEETING.

There will be a special meeting of the Eagles' lodge Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p. m., when all members are earnestly requested to be on hand. Business of importance will be discussed and the attention of each and all is desired.

STATE OF COLLAPSE.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 25.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Miss Agusta Knabe, cousin of the Dr. Helene Knabe, who was found dead in her apartments here, and who yesterday stated that today she would give a complete statement as to what she knew regarding the death mystery of her cousin, was today in a complete state of collapse and unable to say anything. She will be tried later.

After having spent nearly twenty-eight years in the service of the city as night watchman, never failing for anything, when there was suspicion that lead him to believe the business man's place which he was guarding, was about to be entered by an unwelcome intruder or night prowler, Wil-

liam Geary, who for this number of years has so faithfully served in this capacity, has tendered his resignation to the business men, and to take effect one week from today. Since the twenty-eighth day of March, 1897, with the exception of six months, during which he constructed the France sewer in the south part of the city, he has served in this capacity always being true in the business man whom he was protecting and never once was he found doing anything but on a careful watch through the alleys as well as the main thoroughfares of the city. During his service he prevented many a hold-up or robbery, and a more faithful watchman, or one with which the business men would feel better protected, would be hard to locate. He is resigning of his own free will, health and limbs interfering that will now permit him to make his rounds as he would wish. He having the authority to appoint his successor, the business men can rest assured that he will select none other than the most competent, and who will faithfully follow in his footsteps. Just who his successor will be is still undecided, while Samuel Franks, who some years ago served on the night police force, may be his probable successor, while several others are also being considered. Mr. Geary, who retires after one more week's service, will retire from actual work after years of labor, but will always be recorded in Decatur's history as one of the most faithful of officers ever guarding the city.

John Zimmerman, about forty years of age, a wealthy bachelor, who recently sold his ice business at Bluffton, which was the leading one there, and removed to Fort Wayne several weeks ago, excited the suspicion of the Cincinnati police, when he went there on a sight-seeing tour and asked several passing people on the streets to change a five-dollar bill. A Cincinnati dispatch says that he seemed to be insistent and Paranormal Stewart was called, and took him to central station. F. showed the police a certificate of deposit in a Fort Wayne bank for \$100, and when asked where he got it, he said: "That's nothing; I have \$25,000 in another bank up there. I sold my business and came to see the town." He was not arrested.

Bluffton confirmed his statement that he was worth what he claimed, and that he became independent with the sale of his Bluffton holdings. Finding the Wells county metropolis too slow he went to Fort Wayne, and then to the larger city of Cincinnati a few days ago. His mistake is the common one of the rural visitor in a large city, where it is hardly considered proper form to ask passing strangers to change bills.

HE IS DOING THINGS.

J. M. Dawson of the Christian church will deliver a sermon Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, subject, "What Do the Men of Decatur Need?" He is preaching straight from the shoulder. His crowds are increasing. If you go once, you will go again. He wants the men to come and hear the sermon, that they will be more able to cope with the problems of life. Come early and get a good seat, so you can hear the music and sermon. The public is cordially invited to come and each one is asked to bring a friend.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 25.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—It was evident when court reconvened today that a feeling between the counsel for the defense in the dynamiting case of James R. McNamara and the court was becoming more straight, and that the defense was laying foundation for the renewal of application asking for a change of judges. Court reconvened one hour earlier than usual this morning and the state at once began by a series of questions to eliminate Javor Thomas J. Lee, who insists he has no opinion in the case.

New York, N. Y., Oct. 25.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The United States steel corporation stock raised again in price today as the markets opened this morning but at this time men who control the trust were in complete control of the markets. United States Marshal Heinkel left today for Parrytown to personally serve John D. Rockefeller with a summons in the steel dissolution suit. He first telephoned to see whether he would be welcome, it resembling the long suit when the latter was wanted in Judge Landis' court at Chicago. The old king said he would be waiting for the officer.

London, England, Oct. 25.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The weakness in American securities which prevailed yesterday on account of the United States' prosecution of the steel trust was not in evidence here today.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

A Carriage was performed this

morning by Squire Stone, the contracting parties being John Becker, of Ohio, a farmer, aged twenty-nine years, and Mary Bollenbacher, aged twenty-five, a resident of Jefferson township. They will reside in Ohio.

Don Straub, who was arrested for plain drunk day before yesterday, was arraigned before Squire Stone this afternoon and drew the usual amount, a fine of \$1.00 and costs, or a sum total of \$1.50. He did not have the money, so he went to jail.

AN INSPECTION TOUR.

The Lafayette Morning Journal, under the State Soldiers' home correspondence, contained the following: "Mrs. Vinnie Lyons of Decatur, Ind., state inspector of the W. R. C., visited the home and inspected Jasper Pack and Relief Corp at their regular meeting Tuesday evening. She was profuse in her praise of our corps and their manner of doing their work and said they were in the most flourishing and prosperous condition of any corps she had inspected, which the members regard as quite a feature in their favor. The ladies of our corps speak in the highest terms of praise for Mrs. Lyons and her visit here. She remained in the home until Thursday morning, when she left, with many others from the home, to attend their district convention, which was held in Lafayette on Thursday." Mrs. Lyons was also the recipient of many beautiful presents, including a number of most elegant china plates and bouquets of American beauty roses and white carnations.

Monroe, Ind., Oct. 25.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The first number of the Monroe high school lecture course, which was given last Wednesday evening, was attended by a large crowd at the assembly room of the new school house, and was a rare treat to those who were present to hear the Grant Lyceum Stars, which certainly were masters in their profession. The Misses Salmon and Foskett are first-class artists in their line of work, and the large audience were well entertained throughout the two hours spent in the assembly room with mandolin, violin, guitar, cornet, songs and piano solos; also several fine readings and monologues, and a whistling solo by Miss Foskett, which brought several hearty encores. Taken as a whole the entire program rendered was well worth the price of admission charged. These young ladies came highly recommended and were all that they were said to be—artists, par excellence. After the close of the program a formal reception was given the young ladies by the audience. The next number will be given by Dr. Gray of the Brooklyn tabernacle, who will deliver one of his famous lectures on Tuesday evening, November 11th. A full house should greet this able divine. You will miss a rare treat if you miss lecture No. 2.

Leichty Bros. & Co., the hardware merchants of Monroe, will hold their annual demonstration of the Moore ranges on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of November, next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at which time you can get coffee and biscuits free of charge. Call and see the large stock of ranges they have to show you.

Remember the dedication of the new school house next Friday evening at the assembly room. Speakers and program will be announced later.

Hauling sugar beets has been in full swing this week. Friday was the best day, when five cars were loaded. Look out for 1912, when a new factory at Decatur will be taking in the product.

Professor East, principal of the Monroe school, desires to thank the people of Monroe and vicinity for their hearty support and encouragement tendered on the first number of the lecture course and states that he is well pleased and highly gratified at the large turn-out on that occasion. Mr. East has worked hard to make this season's lectures a success and should be rewarded by the liberal patronage of our people by their liberal attendance. These lectures are both interesting and instructive and mean the upbuilding of education, and are a great benefit to any community where they are held.

BLUFFTON STILL HAS HOPES.

Expects to Get a Sugar Factory in a Year or Two.

While Bluffton did not get a beet sugar factory, there is still a chance that a factory can be landed in a year or so.

The Continental company is soliciting for acreage in this county and all indications point to this being as good a proposition to the farmer as the one from the Michigan people. The stations for the shipping of the beets will be as easy reached by the farmers as

if there was a factory here. But this is not the only consideration. If there is enough acreage secured this fall and again next fall there will be a factory located here the following summer by the Continental company.

While it would have been a good proposition for Bluffton had the Michigan people located here, the locating of the Continental company will undoubtedly help Bluffton and Wells county as much, if not more.—Bluffton Banner.

The Christian Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Arthur Fisher, where they attended to the business pertaining to the order and spent a social hour following.

One hundred and fifty attended the Ben Hur social given Friday evening and enjoyed the unique entertainment provided for them. Halloween decorations of all sorts made the hall an attractive one, and was a fitting setting for the throng which came masked to represent all kinds of characters—gay and sad, funny and pathetic, ugly and pretty, and representing all nationalities and stations in life. Miss Marie Daniels, dressed as a witch, presided over her cauldron and interpreted the fortunes of each one as displayed in their palms. A very good program of songs and recitations was given and then came a grand march, in which all the motley throng participated. Delicious refreshments consisting of buttered pop corn, apples, cake and coffee, were served. Prizes for the best masks were given to Mrs. James Rain, Mrs. John Ray, Mrs. U. E. Cramer and Mrs. George Winters. The social was a very successful one.

The Indiana Federation of Clubs has voted to hold its 1912 convention in Fort Wayne. The new officers elected are: President, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis; first vice president, Mrs. L. J. Cox, Terre Haute; second vice president, Miss Vida Newsum, Columbus; recording secretary, Mrs. A. H. McFarlan, Coopersville; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. V. Parry, Crownpoint; treasurer, Mrs. G. C. Markle, Winchester; auditor, Mrs. Rose Carter, Seymour; general federation secretary, Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis.

A party of six, composed of Alice Knapp, Mayme Harting, Agnes and Frances Coffey, Margaret Gallogly and Agnes Starost, will Sunday go to the William Harting farm, just south of the city, and there prepare an oyster stew. They will get their own meal ready, and that it will be fully enjoyed is without doubt.

In celebration of their seventh wedding anniversary Friday, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnard of Fifth street invited thirty-five of their friends to share the evening with them at a card party, the event proving one of unusually great pleasure. "Five Hundred" was played in which honors were won by Mrs. J. S. Peterson and Mrs. M. E. Brackett. The prizes being a pretty brass-trimmed calendar and a brass paper knife. Following the games, supper was served in the dining room, the table being very pretty with its bridal decorations of green and white. Spillax in delicate tracery outlined the table, the centerpiece of which were bowls of beautiful white chrysanthemums, white candelabra at each end and held the tapers that threw a pretty light over the scene. Place cards bore cunning little designs of Cupid wearing a long bridal veil and bearing a bridal bouquet. All the appointments were charming and the service perfect, the supper being served in three courses by the Holy's Cafe caterer from the following menu:

Escalloped Oysters
Chicken Salad
Jelly and Stuffed Olives
Rimmed Cheese Sandwiches
Cocoanut Kisses Ice Cream
The ice cream carried out the bridal suggestion, being a white mold in the center of which was frozen a red heart. Conversation and music closed a very delightful evening, which it was hoped would be but one of many pleasant anniversaries for the bride and groom of seven years ago. Walter Underwood of Boston and Miss Madge Ward of Sanford, Florida, were out-of-town guests.

The Misses Elizabeth and Loretta Harkerider of Fort Wayne and Catherine Krieger of Berne will be guests over Sunday of the Misses Ode and Letta Fullenkamp and Amelia Weber. The Misses Pansy Bell, Lucile Hale and Madge Ward went to Portland this morning, where they attended a Halloween party given by Frances Bryson Detamore.

Miss Agnes Melbers will go to Heese Cassel this evening to remain until Sunday evening as the guest of Miss Marie Lilac.

Democrat Want Ads Pay.

LIQUOR HABIT CONQUERED

No more worry, get rid of the drink habit in 3 days. After being a heavy drinker for years, I was saved and permanently cured by the use of the true remedy for overcoming alcoholism. The doctor who wants to quit forever, getting rid of the "white" craving, can easily do so, using no time and no money. Write to the author of this book, who has lost dozens to be cured, he can be treated secretly. I will become disgusted with odor and taste of liquor. Longues of inveterate alcoholics, the drinkers and the mothers, wives, etc., contained in my book. "Kick" plain wrapper. Write. Keep this ad, or put it on. Address: E. W. L. 100004, 514 Fifth St., 204 E. Fort Wayne, Ind.

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