

Geneva, Ind., Nov. 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Bert Webb, who was placed in the Adams county jail at Decatur, on the charge of assault and battery on Frank Steed and George Zagle, the latter named having his skull fractured from a blow given by Webb with stove lid, Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the Steed home in Geneva, was brought here this morning by Sheriff Durkin and was placed on trial in the court of Justice E. E. Friedline, beginning at 9 o'clock this morning. The following jury was empanelled to hear the case: Thomas Hollingsworth, Eli Krause, Louis Wible, Frank Miller, Mr. Stahl, Otto Bliss, Jacob Kunkle, Chris Mosen, O. O. Judy, Oliver Bore, Eugene Barnes and C. C. McCullum. John H. Runyon, deputy prosecutor, appeared for the state and Frank Cottrell of Berne and F. S. Armantrout of Geneva for the defense. About six witnesses were used and at 2:30 o'clock the evidence was nearly all completed, and it was thought the case would be given to the jury about 3:30 o'clock. It is said the three men, Webb, Zagle and Steed had been playing cards Monday afternoon at the callhouse, which is next to the Steed home, and that they had also been drinking. During the evening they then went to the Steed home, and both Mr. and Mrs. Steed, who were witnesses today, stated that Webb had offered an insult to Mrs. Steed, which her husband resented, and the fight with Webb ensued. As they were fighting, Zagle interfered and was hit over the head by Webb with the stove lid. Whether a more serious charge will be preferred against Webb remains to be seen, conditioned upon the recovery of Zagle, who is now in the Portland hospital. The affidavit was filed by Constable Henry Dickerson.

#### FOREMAN FARM SOLD TODAY.

It's a mighty poor day now when from one to a dozen farm sales or trades are not made in Decatur. They are coming about as fast as they can be taken care of and everybody is satisfied. The W. H. Myers agency today closed a deal for the sale of the H. H. Foreman farm of 114 acres in St. Mary's township to E. Burt Lenhart, the price being an excellent one.

#### ELKS' MEETING.

Another of those rousing good meetings of the Elks is billed for tomorrow evening, and the more present the merrier, so a large number, if not all, are looked for. A smoker will be in order during the evening of entertainment. There is only one thing the committee in charge wishes to state, and that is, "If you miss it, you will regret it."

#### OPEN STAND HERE.

Having completed arrangements, Ben Ashbaumer, the extensive piano dealer of Elgin, will place an

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agency with Meyer, Scherer & Beavers, this city, and as soon as he can put things in readiness will bring a number of fine instruments to this city. He has been in the business at that city for some time, and will handle the same pianos here that he is disposing of there. He closed the contract for floor space only this week and will be in charge of the selling himself, assisted by his son, Herman, and will perhaps establish a permanent agency if he sees fit.

#### TIME OF THEIR LIVES.

Berne Man Hunting Big Game in the North.

Further details of the killing of a big bull moose in the Maine woods is told by a message from Pittsfield, Me., as follows: "A party of Indiana sports, among whom was Samuel L. Kuntz, of Berne, Indiana, a wealthy lumber surveyor, are having the time of their lives hunting deer and moose in this section. They are quartered at Byrons' Camp, where ex-President Roosevelt hunted deer and moose. Kuntz was treed by a monster bull moose, which it took three shots to kill. It was an elegant specimen. His antlers spread several feet and there were eleven points. Others of the party got deer which are plentiful here. —Bluffton News.

#### MOVING TO ARKANSAS.

Dr. Lebrun Purchases Farm in the Southwest.

Mrs. Ed Lebrun and granddaughter, Cleone, of New Philadelphia, Indiana, formerly of this city, who have been visiting with their niece, Mrs. M. J. Welker, left this afternoon with her husband, Dr. Ed Lebrun, for DeWitt, Ark., where they will make their home. Dr. Lebrun is a veterinary and they were well known residents of this city until a short while ago, when they traded their farm here for one in the southern part of the state, where they have since lived. They have now disposed of their farm there and have purchased one near DeWitt, Ark., where they expect to live in the future.

#### HAS OLD RELICS.

Thomas B. Robinson, one of the old settlers of the city, has in his possession a number of old relics, which he is holding and which he prizes most highly. He is still carrying an old pocketbook that belonged to his uncle, and which he carried in the battle at the surrender of Cornwallis. He also has a lease for land dating back to January, 1846, when the government distributed land as at the present time, it being in Ripley county, this state. He also has several other old valuable notes and receipts which he highly values and would not part with for a considerable sum.

#### BECOMING POPULAR.

Rev. C. E. Eble, the new pastor of the South Side Baptist church, came here one day last week from his former charge in Decatur, and last Sunday preached his first sermon in the church in this city. The members of the Fort Wayne congregation had no idea that their new pastor was going to prove so popular. Before he had been here two days a young Decatur couple came to Fort Wayne and looked him up, in order to get him to marry them. They wouldn't hear of any one else in Decatur or anywhere else. They wanted Rev. Eble. So they came up on Saturday and were married by him. The young couple was Mr. Will Winnes, proprietor of the Decatur steam laundry, and Miss Nina Reed, also of Decatur.—Fort Wayne News.

#### POLICE COURT NEWS.

The trial of Golda Teeters, who was charged with provocation, was held in police court Wednesday night. Over a dozen witnesses were there and with the crowd of spectators made the court room uncomfortably crowded. In some respects the trial proved sensational, if statements made by angry women can be termed such, and considerable interest was shown by all present. She was convicted and drew a total of \$8.80, for which she gave docket bail. This ends the incident so far as known, and is the final windup of the free-for-all fight recently pulled off at the laundry.

Many Sunday school workers from this city and the north part of the county left this morning for Berne, where they attended the Sunday school convention which opened there Wednesday evening, continuing today, with the closing session this evening. Many left Wednesday afternoon to be in attendance at the opening Wednesday evening, the program of which was carried out as heretofore published, with the county president, Jesse Rupp, presiding. This morning's session was held in the Missionary church, with Rev. L. C. Hessert, coun-

ty vice president, presiding. The devotional was conducted by Rev. Crafts of Monroe, while addresses were given as follows: "The Keynote of the Convention," the Rev. Semans of Decatur; "Graded Lessons," Miss Lewis, state superintendent of the elementary department; "How to Count Right," George N. Burnie, general secretary of the Indiana Sunday school association. Committee appointments and conferences preceded the noon adjournment. The program for this afternoon and evening follows:

Thursday Afternoon—1:00 O'clock. Evangelical Church, Geo. N. Burnie, Presiding.

Two conferences, as follows: Worker's conference, in charge of Geo. N. Burnie; Elementary conference, in charge of Miss Lutz and Miss Clark. (Special program has been prepared by Miss Lutz for this conference).

Song Service—E. A. Luginbill. Devotional—Rev. D. O. Wise. Story Telling—Miss Lewis. Graduation, What and How?—Geo. N. Burnie.

Music. Reports from Department Superintendents.

Reports from Township Presidents and Treasurer.

Township Roll Call and Financial Question.

Address—Rev. Waldo.

Closing Song and Benediction.

Thursday Evening—7:00 O'clock. Mennonite Church.

Rejoice in Song—E. A. Luginbill.

Devotional—Rev. H. H. Kattmann.

Special Music.

Reports of Committees.

Address—D. O. Skillen, Yorktown.

Music.

Offering.

Closing Song and Benediction.

Among those in attendance today were Mesdames Otto Reppert, Henry Mayer, Jacob Atz, D. B. Erwin, Miss Margaret Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Kirsch.

Thursday was a happy one for Fr. Wilken, it being the feast day of St. Theodore, his namesday and likewise the thirty-ninth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. As usual, his namesday was celebrated in a very pleasing way by the children of the St. Joseph's Catholic school on Wednesday afternoon, with the rendering of a program made up of speeches, songs, music and recitations, which was highly entertaining for an hour or more. After all assembled in the school room, where the program was rendered, their honored guest was sent for, who, with Father Flaherty, his two sisters, Mrs. Helen Burns, of Covington, Ky., and Margaret Toley, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Miss Ross Hess, responded, and with much pleasure listened to the short, but entertaining congratulations which were extended by all present. Following the program Father Wilken, in a few words, expressed himself for the esteem in which he is held by the sisters and children, and heartily thanked them for the work and time which they had put themselves to in honor of the occasion. He also expressed his thanks for the many years he had been favored to spend in the priesthood, and that it was his wish that he live to see the fortieth anniversary, one year distant. He was presented by the children with a hat, pair of shoes and a five-dollar gold piece, and with the wish that he may be permitted to remain in their midst as a spiritual director many years longer. A free day was then granted them, which was enjoyed today.

No more auspicious opening could be given the five numbers of the high school lecture course than by the Apollo Concert Company and Bell Ringers which will give their entertainment the first number of the course, this evening at the Bosse opera house. The company includes three gentlemen: Arthur Wells, G. E. Holmes and Clay Smith, players of various musical instruments; Mrs. Alta R. Wells, pianist, and Miss Coyle M. Spring, vocalist and reader. A program of rare merit will be given and the audience that will fill the opera house this evening will have the best that artists of national repute can give them. If you have not gotten a ticket, get one. A press notice in the Dexter (Mo.) Messenger says:

"The Apollo Quintette and Bell Ringers, which gave an entertainment at the college chapel last Saturday evening, is the best combination of musical talent that was ever in Dexter. The program consisted of solos on banjo, concert, trombone and saxophone, also quartets, duets, bell ringing, readings and vocal selections. A return date will doubtless give them a crowded house. They are all finished performers."

The committee, including Messrs. John T. Myers, French Quinn and J. H. Helzer, who went to Holland, Mich., Wednesday, representing the Decatur association for the landing of the beet sugar plant, returned Wednesday ev-

ening, having made a record run. They were well received at Holland, where they spent four hours, talked business with President McLain and were shown through the big plant. The office at Holland was crowded with contractors anxious to secure at least a part of the work here, the letting of the job requiring much attention. The contract for every department of the big work of constructing an 800-ton plant here will be complete by Friday evening and a meeting of the board of directors will be called for Saturday, when the entire action will be confirmed and the real work will begin immediately after that. The committee was shown the blue prints of the proposed factory here, including seven buildings, all of steel, iron, concrete and brick. The bond and contracts for the Decatur factory were accepted and filed, the only change being in the fact that the water must be guaranteed for a year. The original contract provided this guarantee to continue for three years, but this was changed. The Holland plant was built thirteen years ago and is one of the oldest and best in that state. Mr. Haugk, who accompanied the committee, was assured that if possible, his stone would be used in the construction of the plant, it being the desire to use everything here that is possible.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Nov. 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Owing to the strong feeling at Bedford, Ind., against the five murderers of James Mitchell, which it was feared might lead to mob violence the prisoners were removed from there early today, placed on a train and taken to Jeffersonville and placed in the state reformatory.

Los Angeles, Ca., Nov. 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Five seats in the jury box in the James B. McNamara dynamiting case were filled today when Talisman George B. Sexton was passed by both sides after a long examination at the hands of the state's attorney. Sexton and Brewster Kenyon, who were passed yesterday, cannot be removed from the box except by temporary tallmen.

Pekin, China, Oct. 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—That the emperor of Pekin has fled from this place is stated today by authorities of a unit, whose information has always proved reliable. His story is that the dowager empress, accompanied by the child ruler, were smuggled away in a prison house.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The approval of the American Tobacco plant for the reorganization by the federal court was followed by the heavy buying of tobacco stock, and with the advance of from one to three points.

Valparaiso, Ind., Nov. 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—By a ruling against the admission of an oath made in an error by the stenographer using a dictograph, Judge Vernon S. Fleet today practically upset the state case against B. A. Williston, city engineer of Gary, on trial here connected with the solicitation of a bribe in the Gary heating franchise case. The court ruled against the defense in its contention that the affidavit against him was faulty.

#### BEATTIE IN PENITENTIARY.

Henry Clay Beattie, the convicted young millionaire wife murderer, who has been sentenced to the electric chair on the twenty-fourth of this month, unless another trial is granted, which is being sought by his attorneys through his relatives, has been placed in the penitentiary as provided by law, that all murderers be held in this institution so many days previous to the time set for their death, and placed in the murderers' row to await their fate. He is still calm and unflustered, and has hopes that he will not

have to die in the chair.

#### NEWS FROM COURT HOUSE.

Real estate transfers: Jane Meshberger et al. to George Heller, 1.59 acres, Hartford tp., quit claim deed, \$318; Monroe Hay, Grain & Milling Co., to Frederick Hahnert et al., lot 19, Monroe, \$225.

Marriage licenses: Fred J. Adler, born November 5, 1886, son of William Adler, to wed Iva May Olwin, born October 10, 1883, daughter of Jacob Olwin.

#### WERE WED TODAY.

Fred J. Adler, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Adler, and Miss Iva Mae Olwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Olwin, were married Thursday at 4 o'clock by the Rev. L. C. Hessert of the German Reformed church at the parsonage. The couple will reside on a farm a mile and a half west of Monroe.

#### IMPROVE OFFICE.

Meyers, Scherer & Beavers, the up-to-date furniture dealers, have added more up-to-date office quarters to their apartments, which present a more dignified appearance. The office fixtures have been rearranged more conveniently while a fence protection has been also placed around to shut off this work from the remainder of the store.

It is not generally known that the legislature of this year in the state of Indiana, provided a set of laws for the purification of the ballot, modeled after the laws of England, and which proceed on the theory that any person giving or receiving anything of value for votes is unworthy of American citizenship, and ought to be imprisoned for one year.

A special statute is also enacted to give speedy action at law to make these laws active and effectual.

#### The following is a brief synopsis:

**Registration.**  
No person can vote at a general election unless he shall have previously registered. Though he may have lived a lifetime in his precinct he cannot vote unless he has registered before election day. There are three registration days; the first in May, 180 days before election; the second in September, sixty days before election; the last in October, thirty days before election. The last is practically for the purpose of allowing persons who have registered on one of the other days and then changed precincts to transfer their registration to the precinct to which they have moved, though a voter may register on either day. Though a voter is registered he may be challenged as an illegal voter under the old law.

On these three days the registration board will be in session in the precinct from 5 a. m. to 6 p. m., or until 8 p. m., if a voter comes in every fifteen minutes. Each applicant for registration must sign an application giving place of birth, present residence and county, signed by himself in English, foreign language or by mark there must be a witness to the signature. Each party may have a political watcher present to see that no illegal voter registers. Severe penalty is provided for any fraud in registration.

#### First Naturalization Papers.

Severe penalty is attached for giving any pecuniary aid to a foreigner in taking out his papers to entitle him to vote. So strict is this that no one will want to take any chances. It is supposed that this will effectually stop the disgraceful voting of foreigners who are not entitled to vote especially in large labor centers.

The following points apply practically to nominations as well as elections: What we have heretofore known as county or district chairman is to be known as "Political Agent," and treasurer is called "Political Treasurer." These officers must file a certificate of their appointment with the secretary of state before they dare to do any political act. The treasurer must also give bond. It is unlawful for any person, or candidate, to pay any money for political purposes to any one but the treasurer. The treasurer must keep a strict account of all moneys received and paid out with vouchers and names and make a public report of the same. No assessment or demand can be made on any candidate for any money but he may make a small voluntary contribution (amount based on number of voters in the district in which he is running). A candidate for judge dare not even make this small voluntary contribution.

In addition a candidate may pay his own expenses for: Postage, letters, telegrams or telephones, expressage, publishing, traveling and board but for no other purpose and he must make a public report of all of the same and swear to it, and if he does not comply with the law in every particular he cannot take the nomination or election if successful. The "Treasurer" can only pay out money for the following purposes: Halls and music for conventions and meetings, printing, renting rooms and headquarters, telegram and telephone, expressage, necessary clerks and messengers and carrying sick or infirm persons for registration or to the polls. He must make public report of all such items of expense and to whom paid, under heavy penalty.

For the following offenses the penalty is \$300 to \$1000 fine and a year's imprisonment:

For giving directly or indirectly or promising any money, gift, aid, employment, appointment, entertainment, or anything of value to influence a vote for any person, ticket, party or measure.

For receiving, soliciting, requesting or accepting any of the above and then voting.

For any person promising or giving directly or indirectly for political purposes anything to any person except to the "Treasurer" or in any name but his own.

For an employer to put any political motto on any pay envelope or other paper used in his business or any card or placard or poster about his place, using device or argument or threat, express or implied, calculated to influence the opinion or vote of any employee.

To provide wholly or in part any meat, drink or entertainment for the purpose of influencing any vote.

And here is a stunner on corporations: For any corporation directly or indirectly to give anything in aid of politics or to aid in any way any candidate, party or ticket, through itself, its officers, employees or any other channel, the corporation shall be fined \$5,000, and all persons doing any such act or having acted in the same or connived at the same shall be imprisoned for one year.

A special statute is also enacted to give speedy action at law to make these laws active and effectual.

The law is aimed at absolute purity in elections. The vote will no doubt be much smaller than under the old law. It ought to be and the man who regards his vote as something he has to sell like a horse or a hog ought to be forever deprived of citizenship.

The law is quite lengthy and goes into many details not given here. Those who have been active in politics had better acquaint themselves with this new and