

"I am more than ever convinced that the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company made no mistake when they located their first factory in Adams county," spoke Mr. Hubbard Thursday morning, when interviewed, after a five-day automobile trip over twelve counties in central Indiana. Continuing, he said: "The roads of Adams county cannot be beaten anywhere in the world. Of this I am thoroughly convinced after this trip. Other counties have tried to keep up, but they are in most instances many years behind, and in no place is the average to be compared to the macadam piers of Adams county. We made the trip after heavy rains in this section and the road was a real one. Then the crops here stood those we saw any place else, the farms are the most beautiful and the best kept, and it would be a source of delight to every resident of Adams that he lives in the Eden of the central west. We are glad to belong to a community like this and this trip has but made it clearer to us, how fortunate we are. We even noticed the difference in the way fences are kept up here and elsewhere, how the laws about the country homes are beautiful, the crops taken care of, and in no instance but that Adams county excelled. I remember that a number of years ago when I resided in Munich, that Wayne county was considered the garden spot of the world, but I want to say that it does not compare now with this one. I feel that one can hardly say too much in favor of this wonderful old county, and we can now realize why the local committee was so enthusiastic last autumn when they were using their efforts to locate our plant here. We believe now what seemed impossible then and we agree with them. The trip was delightful and just say that the Hubbards enjoyed every minute of it, but we were glad to get back to Decatur and Adams county."

The work at the sugar plant is progressing nicely and everything will be in readiness for the beet crop. The machinery has been set and the finishing touches are being put on. The beet sheds are under construction, as is the beam tracks and other improvements.

The sugar company has received a car load of scales to be used at the various loading stations to be installed by the company in nearby towns. They will be erected at once, so that everything will be ready when the hauling starts.

PREPARING FOR OPENING.

Work on Arrangement of F. Cass' Store Progressing Rapidly.

The ladies' outfitter store, "The Store of Quality," to be opened by F. Cass in the Burns building, is rapidly taking on a metropolitan appearance, but will not be ready for the opening until next week, as there has been some delay in the arrival of the stock. The building has been handsomely remodeled and is very handsome in appearance. Green and gold are the colors of the wall paper, which, with the white wood work, and the mahogany and glass cases, makes a most harmonious setting for the large supply of ladies' wearing apparel. Green velvet rugs cover the floor, and handsome couches, mirrors, chairs and ottomans contribute to the beauty and make for the comfort of the waiting patrons. Mr. Cass and his daughter, Miss Mary, and Mrs. W. H. McNeely, have been busy ever since unpacking the stock for the opening, which had been planned for August 1st of this week.

The Spanish war veterans, who held the annual reunion in Columbus City Wednesday, had one of the best times of any hereabouts. Fortune favored them with a beautiful sunny day and the boys made the most of it by having a fine time. Upon their arrival they registered and heard a good band concert by the Columbus City band, assisted by out-of-town talent. At 10 o'clock Bluffton arrived in autos and at noon all the "vets" led by the band marched to dinner at the Bon Hur hall, conducted by the Methodist ladies. The business meeting immediately followed.

The camp fire in the evening was the feature of the day and one man from each company gave a speech. The camp fire was held in the opera house and an additional program was given.

The following is the recruited in Company B from Decatur who were present at the reunion: Charles Moore, Pleasant Mills; Ed Morgan, Columbus City; C. R. Dunn, Decatur; C. F. Moneyshead, DeKalb; G. Andrews, Decatur; K. A. Mithaland, DeKalb; William G. Jones, Bluffton; A. E. McGerlin, Marquette; H. D. Weiner, Bluffton; F. E. Wilhelm, Bluffton; Charles Huffman, Bluffton; C. Moore, Bluffton; Burt Hester, Bluffton; Henry Wasson, Bluffton; Charles Lebewiger, Bluffton; R. D. Meyers, Decatur; J. S. Buchanan, Wilkes, O.; J. D. Andrews, Decatur; J. G. Burdick, Decatur; Port Wayne; James Hudson, Decatur; Lawrence Sullivan, Detroit.

William Noll, Decatur; E. H. Barnett, Decatur; C. W. Brothers, Elvins; F. S. Peterson, Decatur.

Logansport was the place selected to hold the reunion next August.

Among the officers named for the ensuing year is J. D. Andrews, of this city, who was elected Lieutenant Colonel of Company B.

Rolland, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harva Smith suffered a painful accident Wednesday, while playing with his playmates. A twirling piece of tin flew back and struck Rolland on the inside of the ankle, inflicting a wound to the bone, which required two stitches to close. The lad is obliged to keep quiet, as the physician stated that there was danger of lock-jaw developing, unless he did so.

Lloyd Ahr, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ahr, of east of the city, fell twelve feet from the haymow to the floor and struck on his head and shoulders, fracturing his collar bone. The lad was climbing the ladder when he lost his hold. Medical attention soon eased the lad's suffering and while he will be disabled for some time, will get along all right.

Mrs. Don Edwards, who has been ill the past three weeks with liver and kidney trouble, is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis went to Monroe today to call on Mrs. Davis' father, Boyd Daugherty, who was kicked by a horse a few days ago, and who is in a serious condition.

NEWS FROM COURT HOUSE.

Emma Shepherd, a well known telephone operator of Linn Grove, and Rufus Kreps, a well known carpenter, living near that town, came to this city this morning and secured a marriage license and were married by "Squire J. H. Stone. The bride was born April 2, 1875, and is a daughter of Charles Miller, while the groom, who was born June 15, 1876, is a son of Jacob Kreps. Both were married before, the relationship having been dissolved by death. Mr. and Mrs. Kreps left on the 1:11 train this afternoon for Linn Grove, where they will live, and where the groom will work at his trade as carpenter.

NEGRESS TO DIE.

First Woman to Die in Electric Chair in State of Virginia Friday.

(United Press Service.) Richmond, Va., Aug. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Virginia Christian, a negro girl, must die in the chair tomorrow for the murder of her employer, Mrs. Ida Belotte. Governor Mann made it plain today that he will not interfere with the first execution of a woman in the history of the state. The girl is seventeen years old.

The annual reunion of the Mamma family will be held again this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ahr east of the city. From two hundred to two hundred and fifty are expected to attend and the event will be a memorable one.

The many Decatur friends of Miss Alchra Spade will be pleased to hear of her coming marriage to Mr. Owen Cox of Woodward, Okla., which will take place some time during the coming fall. Miss Spade is the daughter of Mrs. M. J. Lawrence, formerly of Portland, now of Woodward, Okla. The announcement of the coming wedding was made at a luncheon given by Mrs. Charles Ewry at Portland Monday evening. Miss Spade visited here quite recently with the Misses Bessie Bumpartner and Lillie Laehot and other relatives and is well known in this city.

There was a full attendance of the Frisella club at the home of Mrs. Harry Imler, where the afternoon hours flew on swift wings of pleasure, other guests sharing the good time being the Misses Olive and Fanny Goodwin and Mrs. Oliver Schug. Needlework was laid aside later for the tempting refreshments. Mrs. John Potter will entertain Tuesday afternoon, August 27th.

Little Francis Robinson of West Monroe street entertained a few little neighborhood friends at a festival Wednesday evening, when ice cream, wafers and marshmallow chocolates were served. The table decorations were cunning little burr baskets made by Francis and filled with flowers. Guests were James Leonard, Ralph Butler and Harold Magley.

Miss Helen Finner is entertaining at a house party at her home north of Monmouth, guests being the Misses Wilfred Finner and Ira Smith of Union City, Mich.; Edna Pulver of Huntstown, and the Misses Helen and Irene Evans.

The approaching marriage of Miss Maude Spade, a talented musician of this city, and Herbert V. Tormohlen, a young attorney, has just been made

known through invitations sent out for the wedding, which is to take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spade, on the evening of August 29th. Miss Spade has been pipe-organist of the Methodist church for the past five years. Mr. Tormohlen is the son of the Rev. F. H. Tormohlen, pastor of the Friends church, this city, and is a graduate of Indiana Law School—Portland Note.

Mrs. E. B. Adams has issued invitations for a card party for Friday afternoon in compliment to her sister, Miss Failing, of Flint, Mich.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison has as her guests at dinner Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tyndall and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blosser have as their guests, their sister, Miss Helen Blosser, of Hammond, and their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. William Blonden, of Chicago.

It was a merry party of children—and older ones, too—of the United Brethren Sunday school, who left on the 8:30 and 11:30 cars for Monmouth where they spent the day picnicking and enjoying the pleasures of a life close to nature in the cooling shade. Sports of all kinds were indulged in by the children and an ideal day's outing was given. While the day was planned chiefly for the little ones, their parents and others of the older relatives accompanied them and had a good time, too.

DEATH IN NEBRASKA.

Charles Zwick of near Poe this morning received word from his sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Zwick, of Staplehurst, Neb., of the death of her daughter, Otille, a young lady. Miss Zwick was known here, where she has visited on several occasions, since the removal of the family to the west. They were former residents here. Miss Zwick was a cousin of Will Zwick of this city.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

Mrs. Anna Reese is renovating her millinery store and rearranging the fixtures and stock for the opening of the season which will begin actively next month. New linoleum in the work room, with other improvements, are noted.

AMONG THE UNFORTUNATE

Sam Railing, who a week ago met with a mishap by falling in a runaway, breaking his ankle and otherwise bruising himself up, was able to be out today with the aid of crutches. He is still experiencing much pain and some time will be necessary for his complete recovery.

Joe Beery, who had a pimple on his left thumb, is suffering greatly from the affection. It became so large that it was necessary to have it lanced this morning, and treated for blood poisoning, which had set in to a certain extent. He is carrying the arm in a sling.

PENSION CHECKS SLOW.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—One hundred and eighty thousand soldiers, veterans of the civil war and the Spanish-American war, have not received their quarterly pension allowance due August 1st, because congress failed to make the necessary appropriation. Commissioner of Pensions Davenport was today deluged with complaints and inquiries from thousands of these dependent veterans, but he was powerless. Fifteen million dollars due the veterans cannot be distributed until congress either passes the present pension bill or makes a continuance of appropriations under the old bill.

George Steele of the racket store, who this week is at Indianapolis, attending the National Manufacturers' convention, of 5 and 10 cent stores, writes us that the gathering is the best he ever attended, and one that is proving a wonderful success. Representatives from all parts of the globe are on hand with a large display of everything imaginable coming under this line and George says that when he returns he will be able to show Decatur a thing or two about this line of business. Bargains, there are no end to them, and the present convention will go down as the best in history. Hundreds swarmed in the first or opening day, and every interior or steam car brought crowds to the scene. Low Shank, the potato vending and turkey selling mayor, was present, and addressed the many for a five minutes' talk, and welcomed the visitors in a most cordial way. Governor Marshall, the democratic vice presidential nominee, who had been asked to speak for the occasion, was unable to attend owing to other important business matters, while many other high officials are present for the week. Pleasure is combined with business and Mr. Steele is having the time of his life. He will be home

Friday, if things go as planned.

One of the chief attractions for the Methodist visitors in Marion Wednesday was the soldiers' home, which is in itself a little city. The visit there and inspection of this large institution was rendered the more interesting to Decatur people because many from this city and county have been, or are now, inmates of the home. Very few have any idea of the magnitude of the institution where our old soldiers find an excellent home. There are at present about 1,969 on the roll of inmates. One of Adjutant McGowan's daily reports shows the following interesting items:

Present for duty, 835; on extra duty, 274; sick, 241; in arrest, 1; total present 1,451. Absent, with leave, 436; sick in government hospital for insane, 37; without leave, 46; total absent, 599. Total present and absent, 1,969. Spanish war, provisional and Indian campaign members, 185. Temporarily at post, 1. Gain, 3; loss, 6. Vacant beds in barracks, 251. Vacant beds in hospital, 41.

The view of the large dining room, where several hundred are fed at one time, is an interesting sight. The fare is quite excellent also, the menus for one day being: Breakfast, Irish stew, bread, butter, coffee. Dinner, boiled salt pork, boiled potatoes, green beans, bread, butter, coffee. Supper, hominy flakes, stewed fruit, syrup, bread, butter, coffee.

A big department of the home is the laundry. During the year ending June 30, 1912, three-quarters of a million pieces of clothing were washed there. Figures for the separate pieces include the following:

Aprons, 35,990; blankets (gray wool), 1,571; blankets (white wool), 3,724; linen caps, 1,588; counterpanes, 12,043; table covers, 1,130; cotton drawers, 32,138; gloves, 653 pairs; gowns, 8,345; handkerchiefs, 7,257; napkins, 14,342; overalls, 1,532; pillow cases, 112,531; shirts (Kersey wool), 36,066; shirts (cotton), 31,897; sheets, 187,693; hand towels, 192,499; roller towels, 64,358; stockings, 11,147.

This list does not include all the articles washed, as many other articles of various kinds not mentioned went through the laundry.

During the year a total of 13,534 articles went through the home renovator.

Sunday school Superintendent C. L. Walters stated this morning that from the reports already in that the picnic was a decided financial success, and that enough will be cleared to pay all the expenses of the excursion. Some eighty dollars' worth of tickets were given away to the Sunday school.

By actual count the number brought back by the excursion train was 523 people. Many more accompanied to Marion for a several days' visit, taking advantage of the special rates offered.

A SPECIAL CALL

Of His Cabinet Made Today by President Taft.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Taft called a special session of his cabinet so suddenly that the members were compelled to cancel their engagements and hurry to the white house. The reason for the sudden conference was believed to be exigencies in the president's legislative situation, and it is thought that the president wished to discuss with his advisers several votes he has under consideration.

WEDDING BELLS TO RING.

It is said that the T. M. Reid residence on North Fifth street, is being furnished and fitted up for the occupancy of a well known county official and his bride, the marriage to take place in the near future. While everything is down just about "pat" the couple refuse to divulge anything for publication.

Rev. Kattman, pastor of the German Reformed church of Berne, who at the annual meeting of the German Reformed orphan's home, Fort Wayne, several weeks ago, was elected to fill the vacancy as superintendent of the institution, caused by the resignation of Rev. B. Ruf, has declined the honor bestowed upon him and word of his resignation has been forwarded to the president, P. S. Kohler, of St. Mary's Okla. Although Rev. Kattman was selected by a unanimous vote of the directors, he, after two weeks' consideration, will not accept. He gave no reason for declining. Matthias Kirsch of this city, one of the board of directors, received word from the president and steps will now have to be taken for the selection of a new superintendent, which will come up at a continued session of the board held on October 8th. The notice came as a disappointment to all as his selection was considered a most valuable one, and the responsibility connected with the appointment would have been carried to the satisfaction to all. He is one of the most prominent ministers of the Fort Wayne district and his se-

lection was a most worthy one.

Bluffton, Ind., Aug. 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The wedding of John W. McKean, father of Dr. T. J. McKean, of Linn Grove, and Adams county, ex-Surveyor George McKean, was quietly married this morning at 9 o'clock at the parsonage of the Rev. Park H. Weaver, of the Reformed church, that minister officiating, to Miss Mary E. Pence, a well known lady of this city. The only witness of the ceremony was Levi Heller, an old friend of the couple. The couple will go to housekeeping at once in the bride's residence on East Ohio street.

The groom, who is sixty-nine years of age, and the bride, fifty-four, are both prominent and highly esteemed. Mr. McKean, who is quite well-to-do, and who resided many years in Decatur, has made his home lately with his son, Dr. T. J. McKean, at Linn Grove. The bride is a lady of highly pleasing personality, and liked by all.

Mr. McKean and Miss Pence were callers in this city Wednesday, engaging the services of an attorney for the making of an ante-nuptial contract into which they entered. Both have the hearty good wishes of their Decatur friends.

Mrs. Frank Bosse is home from Lima, Ohio, where she has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. John Noonan, since Sunday. She, with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller of south of the city, were on the Bluffton train that ran down an automobile loaded with people, just on the outskirts of Lima, and hurrying two people, Emus Drake, a prominent business man of Meadon, and Mrs. George A. Colden, also of that place, into eternity, and injuring Mrs. Drake, wife of the dead man. The misfortune occurred within three hundred feet of their destination—a Sunday evening call—to the home of Mrs. Drake's sister, and at a point where some new grading had been going on, and their view of the rapidly approaching train was obstructed by a cornfield. Mrs. Bosse, with many others, left the train to view the remains of the dead, and the gruesome sight which their mingled remains presented and the excitement that prevailed among the other members of the party will never be forgotten. The automobile in which they were riding was ground to fragments, leaving the top without any damage. The affair was one of the most terrible happening in the vicinity of Lima and great grief hovered over the city for some days. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, who were enroute to New York to set sail for Europe, did not care to view the remains of the two victims which might, to a certain extent, have marred their pleasure along the way.

The entire train load of people was full of excitement, and some time was required to restore quiet and continue the trip eastward. The train passes through this city at 3:29 p. m. and was the accident which spread in this city that many probably from this city had been killed at Wren.

The seven hundred excursionists who left here Wednesday morning on the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school excursion for the soldiers' home at Marion, arrived at the home after three hours spent in transit. It was nearly 11 o'clock when the cars were switched in on the home siding and the tired excursionists rapidly made their way to the pretty places in the home grounds. Many at once started for the city and all day the cars for and from the home carried goodly bunches of the visitors.

The attractions at the soldiers' home were many and were well appreciated by the visitors. Guides piloted parties all over the grounds and through the many buildings comprising the home. In the afternoon the home band gave a very good concert and the large attentive audience gave ample proof of the appreciation of the excursionists.

Very few of the excursionists were able to make a visit to Goldthwaite park on account of the cars only running every hour and a half, and few wished to take a chance of such messenger transportation.

No inconveniences were experienced by any of the excursionists, the Clover Leaf furnishing plenty of cars and affording every one a seat. All in all the Clover Leaf gave the excursionists a hearty reception and good treatment.

No accident of any kind occurred to mar the pleasure of the day.

WINNIPEG NEXT YEAR.

The supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, at its meeting at Denver, Colo., decided to hold the next convention in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1914. The supreme lodge approved a plan to change its age limit from 21 to 18 years if the legal department declared it constitutional. The proposition to appropriate \$1,000 toward the erection of a monument to the late Major General James R. Carnahan, of Indiana, who for nineteen years was head

of the uniform rank, was defeated. The Hawaiian lodges were given representation in the supreme lodge.

With the season at hand when sickness is more prevalent than any other time, it would be well to those having near ones sick, that with the carrying out of the following pointers the time would be more comfortably spent by the patient and less burdensome to those having to give their close time and attention.

The immediate surroundings exert a great influence upon the general state of mind and health of the patient. Take a room with the walls of a plain color; the pictures are a source of unceasing pleasure. Have about eight views: the next week, under the pretense of cleaning, replace the pictures with others.

The patient will discover after a time an entirely different look hung in their place. Each week the same thing can be done. The patient is sure to take an interest in them, and be glad to talk with them with friends.

A second interest and delight are the flowers. Of course, only living plants would be allowed to stay in the room all the time, but a broad shelf can be attached near the bed, and the patient will love to watch each new leaf and bud unfolded day by day. An ever-blooming cyclamen and a red geranium are good plants. A glass bowl, with two or three goldfish, are a good idea, as they will interest a patient wonderfully, watching the graceful movements and exhibitions of intelligence.

I heard of a patient once who was too ill to read, but a friend brought in some seed catalogues. It was wonderful what a lot of pleasure the patient got out of them. It required so little mental effort to just look at the pictures and read the names, with here and there a description.

It is like greeting old friends. And the announcement of a new variety of some favorite kind of flowers was quite exciting. As the patient's mind began to regain some of its activity he planned what he would have this year in his garden.

Then he drew diagrams, and laid it out carefully—here the formal garden, here old-fashioned and wild flowers, and beyond the vegetables. Of course it took endless rearrangements, and he was brought all the illustrated garden catalogues procurable.

It was great fun and amusement. A friend coming in would greet him with: "I've discovered a new variety of such a flower we simply must have," and discussed the garden quite seriously. As spring approached a small box was brought in, in which he put two or three seeds of several kinds of flowers. After the third day something pushed through the earth, and nearly every morning there was another seed coming up.

It was exciting to guess which would come up next, or which gets its second leaf first. When bigger, a few of the seedlings were planted in pots and kept on the window shelf. When

they came into bloom he was proud of them. Fond as you may be of plants that are given you those you have watched grow seem more your own.

EXPECT TO WIN.

In the game Sunday between the Shamrocks and the Fort Wayne Senecas there is almost sure to be a battle royal for the honors of the day. The fans will remember that the Senecas are the only team that he defeated the home team in this season's playing, and the home boys are anxious to retrieve the loss and expect to give them a trimming that will amply illustrate the ability of the home team to win.

As usual the boys will be ably assisted by a goodly bunch of rooters and the only question is, "Will you be there?" Game called at 3 o'clock and it costs a quarter. The line-up: Coffee; c; Bone, p; Baxter, lb; McMillen, 2b; Buffenbarger, 3b; Ellis; ss; Smith, lf; Eagle, cf; C. Johns, rf; J. Johns and Stevens, sub.

DECATUR CIRCUIT PICNIC.

The four points of Decatur circuit will hold a reunion picnic in Mr. Goldner's grove across from the Beulah church, Wednesday, August 28th. A program will be rendered, including numbers from Decatur's male quartet. Everybody invited to share a good time.

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