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## CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES.

The subject of the Sunday morning sermon at the Christian church is "Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees;" in the evening, A fallacy, "That Our Souls are Mortal." Are we welcome.

## CORN YIELD IN NEWTON.

Kentland Enterprise: Many of the farmers of this section are through husking corn and nearly all will be finished by the end of the week. The yield is not proving as great as first estimates, but is far better than what might reasonably have been expected at planting time or during the drought of summer. The average will run close to forty bushels and is of splendid quality.

## LEFT YESTERDAY FOR FLORIDA

On account of being unable to get a sleeper out of Cincinnati for Thursday, Levi Renicker and family did not leave for Florida until Thursday night. The 1:10 train stopped here to take them on board and they got away on it Thursday night, or Friday morning rather. They expected to arrive in Jacksonville Saturday afternoon, and from there take a boat to within about 150 miles of Boynton, their final destination, and go by rail the rest of the way. We expect Levi will have some big 'gator stories to tell when he gets back to God's country.

## FUNERAL OF JAY W. WILLIAMS

Was Held Thursday Afternoon and Was Largely Attended

The funeral of Jay W. Williams, the well known furniture dealer who committed suicide Tuesday forenoon, as reported in Wednesday's Democrat, was held from the M. E. church at 2:30 p. m., Thursday and burial made in Weston cemetery.

Deceased was a member of the F. & A. M., and K. of P., lodges and also a member of the G. A. R. Post, all of which orders were in attendance at the funeral, the burial ceremonies being conducted by the Masons.

The business houses closed during the funeral and the remains were followed to their last resting place by an unusually large number of relatives and friends, several of the latter being from out of town, and all were sincere mourners with the immediate family, as Mr. Williams was held in very high esteem and enjoyed a large acquaintance.

Mrs. Williams, who completely collapsed soon after the news of the suicide of her husband reached her and was in a critical condition Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, had so far recovered that she was able to attend the funeral with her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Porter. The only surviving brother of deceased, of Cleveland, Ohio, was also in attendance, but a sister living at East Hampton, N. Y., was unable to be here because of poor health.

There is not much of anything new to say regarding the suicide more than was given in the hurriedly written account in Wednesday's Democrat. An older brother, of whom he especially thought a great deal, died recently in Ohio. In fact only two weeks to a day before he shot himself Mr. Williams had returned from attending the funeral. Since then he had seemed rather depressed and cast down, and this, together with his own ill health, is supposed to have caused him to take his life. A nephew residing in Ohio also died but a few months ago.

As was his custom nearly every day, he had written his daughter in Chicago that morning as usual and mailed the letter, but she had left there in response to a telegram telling of his death before receiving the letter, and at this writing it is not known whether any hint of his contemplated act was given in this letter. Not a line was left by him so far as now known regarding what he intended to do, and whatever preyed upon his mind that caused the suicide will probably forever remain a mystery.

After purchasing the cartridges that morning at Rhodes' hardware Mr. Williams returned to his store and made several trips up to the gallery at the north end of the main room, and Mr. Colvert now thinks that he was only waiting for someone to come in, that the clerks, Mr. Colvert and son Clint, might not be there alone when he did the deed. Dr. Loy and Charley Rhoads coming in gave him the opportunity, as he again went up there soon after Dr. Loy entered the room, and soon the fatal shot was heard.

Mr. Williams was about 63 years of age, and was one of the last men one would have thought would take his own life. He was always of a cheerful disposition and was one of the best known men in Jasper county. His act can only be attributed to a fit of temporary insanity caused from sorrow over the death of his brother and his own poor health.

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## THE COURT HOUSE

### Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

The White circuit court will convene Monday.

The official vote for Senator and Representative as canvassed here on Monday of last week gave Abraham Halleck a plurality of 101 for Senator, and John G. Brown a majority of 300 for Representative.—Monticello Herald.

Not very much of importance has been going on in the circuit court this week. The Bowers vs. Eppler case was on Thursday and yesterday. The jury is called for next week and several cases of minor importance are set for trial.

The old case of Alexander Hamilton of Goodland vs. C. & E. I. Ry., Co., wherein plaintiff secured a judgment for \$1,500 damages for injuries sustained in falling from a freight train on defendant's road, of which he was a brakeman, was reversed by the Appellate court Thursday. Attorney W. H. Parkinson of Rensselaer was Hamilton's leading attorney in the case, which has been in the courts some three or four years.

W. H. Dague of Fowler, jointly indicted with D. P. Baldwin of Logansport on a charge of embezzling the funds of the Goodland bank, was in Kentland last week, acknowledged service and gave bond for \$500. Judge Baldwin, Mike Duffy and Charles Hickman are his sureties. The recent grand jury returned four counts against Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Dague and the cases will probably be set for trial at the next term of court.—Kentland Enterprise.

The papers were served on Erastus Peacock this week on the charge of indirect contempt of court in failing to pay \$7 per week to the support of his wife, as ordered by the court to do last April, mention of which was made in Saturday's Democrat, and the case was set for hearing before Judge Hanley yesterday afternoon. It was originally set for last Friday afternoon, but Mr. Peacock was out of town and service was not had until this week.

New suits filed: No. 7379. Lowell H. Kenyon vs. Daisy D. Kenyon; suit for divorce.

The complaint states that the parties were married May 17, 1899, and separated Sept. 8, 1908, when defendant left plaintiff's home and has not since returned; that plaintiff has no property of his own and that they lived with his parents, who are old and feeble, on a farm owned by his mother; that defendant refused to live with plaintiff unless he sends his mother away, and has later refused to live with him in any event. He is their only child, he states, and they are unable to care for themselves; that defendant treated them in a manner that was humiliating to plaintiff and make his life miserable, etc., etc. The plaintiff resides near Demotte, we understand, and the defendant is in Porter county.

## THANKSGIVING ENTERTAINMENT

The annual Thanksgiving entertainment will be held at the M. E. church next Tuesday evening, when the following program will be rendered:

Thanksgiving Hymn—Haydn..... Congregation  
Prayer..... Rev. Miller  
Vocal Solo..... Ethel Ferguson  
Scripture Reading..... Rev. Clarke  
Piano Solo..... Selma Leopold  
Recitation..... Bernice Long  
Vocal Solo..... Jesse Brown  
Address..... Rev. Parrett  
"Hunting Song"—Mendelssohn..... Mrs. Delos Thompson's Chorus  
Recitation..... Delos York  
Piano Solo..... Mrs. M. D. Gwin  
Recitation..... Mary Pierce  
Male Quartet..... Dr. M. D. Gwin  
Dr. H. L. Brown, J. D. Allman and J. P. Bruner  
Instrumental Duet..... Florence and Aileen Allman  
"Thanks be to God"—Mendelssohn..... Mrs. Thompson's Chorus  
Benediction..... Rev. Kindig

No admission will be charged, but those attending are expected to bring a silver offering or something in the way of provisions. The distribution of the baskets of provisions will be made Wednesday to the families known to be needy.

## ESTRAYED OR STOLEN.

Strayed, or taken from my place near Surrey, Nov. 15, one roan mare pony, one sorrel colt wearing halter. Both are white-faced. A reward for any information as to their whereabouts. C. L. PARKS, R-R-3, Rensselaer, Ind.

Buy Sleepy Eye flour, made from pure northern wheat, at \$1.40 per sack. MURRAY'S GROCERY.

## RECOVERING NICELY FROM OPERATION.

Joseph Nagel returned Tuesday from Lafayette where he had been at the bedside of his wife, who was operated on last Friday at St. Elizabeth's hospital for gall stones. The operation was very successful and Mr. Nagel left her getting along the finest kind. About 155 gall stones were taken from her of various size, some being as large as a good sized bean. Mr. Nagel says she is having the very best of care. He thinks the hospital surgeons and attendants will rank well with any of the more pretentious hospitals of the larger cities like Indianapolis or Chicago.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Clara K. Speaks was born in Green county, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1858; departed this life in Rensselaer, Ind., November 16, 1908, aged 50 years, 10 months and 15 days.

She was united in marriage to Jacob W. Speaks, September 14, 1876. To this union were born eleven children, eight of whom are still living, two dying in infancy. One, Arthur G., died at the age of five years. He is buried near a former home of the family in Jennings county, this state. Those living are Mrs. Mattie F. Bebee of Gifford Ind.; Lena B., at the home for feeble minded in Ft. Wayne; Grace V., Lester W., Carl E., Ernest G., Howard A., and Freddie R., all at home.

Besides the family she leaves to mourn their loss, a sister, Mrs. James Harris of Selma, Ohio, two grand-children, relatives and a host of friends. The deceased was well known in and about Rensselaer, having resided here about seven years. She united with the Baptist church of Sutherland, Ind., about seventeen years ago. Since living here she has been a faithful worker in the First Baptist church. She was a true christian woman, a loving mother and a devoted wife.

By her cheerful disposition, even in trials, she was loved and respected by all who knew her. The church of which she was a member will sadly miss her presence and inspiration, for she so much loved to be there and be about her Master's work, her favorite song being "I Surrender All." After an illness of about six weeks duration she came peacefully at a few moments past eight o'clock, with the family and several friends about her bedside. We gladly submit to the sad separation knowing she is the gainer, we the losers, and with the blessed assurance that we can meet her beyond the shadow of death.

The funeral services were conducted from the church by the pastor of her church and interment made in Weston cemetery. xx

## MT. AYR MAY REMAIN WET.

Remonstrance Has But Three Majority, and Many Think This Will Be Wiped Out.

The present license of J. J. Garrity, the Mt. Ayr saloonist, expires December 2. A remonstrance containing on the face of it three more names than the necessary majority was filed against a renewal of his license at the November meeting of the Newton county commissioners, and held sufficient, but an appeal was taken to the Circuit Court and the case will come up at the January term.

The general opinion seems to be that enough names will be found to be illegal remonstrators to wipe out this small margin. This opinion by the public generally seems to be based on the usual result of such appeals, that there are almost always a few names found to be illegal, and with so small a margin as this it does not take very many names off to knock it out.

Of course a county election might be held under the Hanly county option law, but the sentiment seems to be unfavorable for the "dry" carrying the election, were one to be held.

In any event Mt. Ayr will try the dry experiment for a few weeks at least, as it is scarcely likely the appeal can be heard until the middle of January at closest, and during the period from December 2 to the time of the final disposition of the case the thirsty ones over in that community will have become so accustomed to "spitting cotton" that they will not take it very much to heart if the remonstrators win out.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Notice of Services for Sunday, November 22.

Sunday School at 9 o'clock; morning worship at 10:45. Subject of sermon: "A Heart-Searching Question."

The pastor especially desires all members of church to be present. Others are welcome.

Young People's meeting, 6 o'clock. Leader Miss Florence Hines.

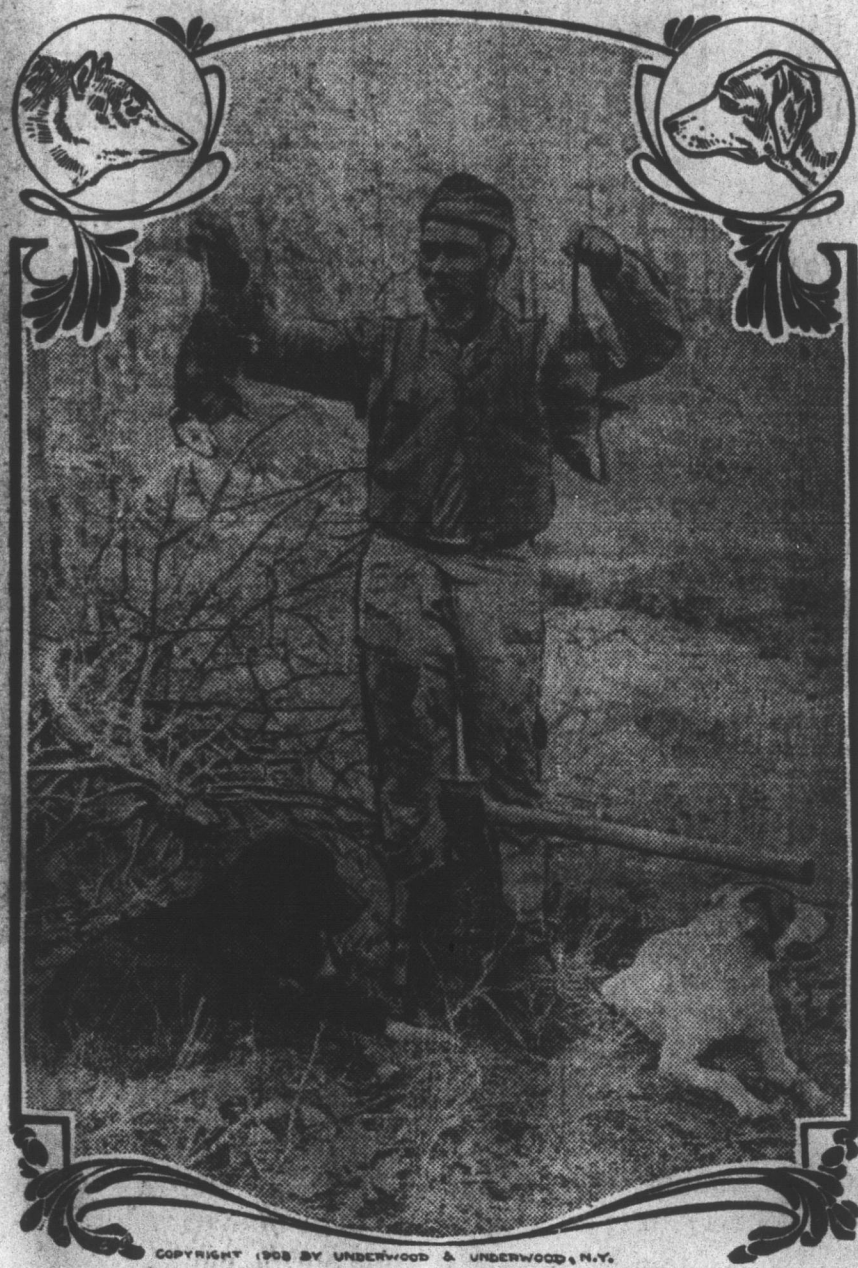
Evening service 7 o'clock. Subject of sermon, "What Think Ye of Christ?"

## THE POSSUM DINNER

A THANKSGIVING DAY POEM  
By Goodloe Thomas  
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NOW, eb'rybody ought to know dey's welkin as kain be.  
So pitch right in an' he'p yo'selbs to eb'ryting yo' see.  
Jes' stah't dem biskits goin' round', fo' dat's yo' job, ol' man,  
An' chase dem wif de sweet pertaters quick 's dey leab yo' han'.  
(Now, Mose, yo' show yo' manna's fo' dese folks, er Ah tell yo' Diah'll be a chile go hongry, an' he'll git a lickin' too).  
Heah, Uncle Dan, is de possum meat—Ah's lookin' aftah dat—  
An' heah's a piece espesh'ly youahs, all brown an' streaked wif fat.

WHA'S dat—de graby? Don' yo' fret; it's comin' right up diah,  
An' sich! W'y, dat air possum fat enough, I do declaih,  
To mek enough er graby fo' de ma'chin' Isralites.  
Heah, Rev'end Mistah Ferguson, be suah yo' gets yo' rights.  
De amell am sweet? W'y, man, yo' tas' an' den I bet yo' shout  
An' mek de neighbors wondah wha' de fuss am all about.  
Heah's little Eph. Now, chile, I's sated yo' sumpin' nice an' sweet.  
Wha's dat? Good lan'! Dis boy is sayin' he don' lak possum meat.



"NOW FO' DE POSSUM DINNER!"

HE saize he don' lak possum meat, an' him a son o' mine!  
Now, honey, tuhn to all dese folks an' knowledge up yo's lyin'.  
Mek out 'tuz jes' a li'l joke to aggrivate yo' ma,  
Or, 'clar' to goodness, Ah's jes' boun' to whup yo' till yo's raw!  
Yo' speak de trufe, yo' h'l' imp! Den wha's yo' doin' heah  
A-settin' up wif nigguh folks to mek yo'se'f appeah  
A nigguh, too, when eb'ry one kain tell, in spite youah black,  
Dat tuhnin' 'way f'um possum meat yo' ain't de hones' fack?

WELL, dere, yo' pa saize nebbah min', bekaze yo's such a mite;  
Dat tairn' youah fault yo' sum'ays missed youah nachul appetite.  
Kol' out yo' plate; dere's plenty mo' to fill a chile lak yo'.  
De good Lawd mek yo' suhtain ways, Ah spose, dat's got to do.  
But, lan'! Ah's 'feared yo' grow up wrong an' mebbe be a shage  
To all de cullahd circle an' de 'spected fam'ly name,  
Fo' ebbeh sence Ah's ol' enough to stan' upon ma feet  
Ah's sp'iahoned any nigguh dat would tuhn f'um possum meat.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Nov. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Zea, a 7 pound son.

We are in right on the flour deal. For the next two weeks we will sell our best known flour for \$1.35, and our Sleepy Eye at \$1.40. THE G. E. MURRAY CO.

## RACK AND TYPE-CASES FOR SALE.

The Democrat has disposed of almost all the printing material advertised for sale some months ago, but still has one good double-rack, holding 20 full size cases and two pairs on top, also about a dozen Italic Job Cases, almost as good as new. Price for rack \$2; cases 50 cents each, f. o. b. Rensselaer.

We will sell you our best Kansas flour at \$1.35 per sack. THE G. E. MURRAY CO.

Found:—A black coat. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying advertising charges.

Posts for sale:—A quantity of Cat-tails fence posts for sale. Enquire at this office.

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## STILL WEAVING

Net It Hopes Will Hold and Hang Lamphere.

## HIS OWN DAMAGING ADMISSIONS

Told of by Some Witnesses—Quail Killed with a Club—Governor Elect Appoints His Secretary.

La Porte, Ind., Nov. 20.—That Ray Lamphere made damaging admissions amounting to a partial confession of setting fire to the home of Mrs. Guinness on the morning of April 28th was testified to in the trial of Lamphere by Deputy Sheriff Anstiss and Deputy Sheriff Marr. Deputy Sheriff Anstiss had not concluded his testimony when court adjourned. Sheriff Smutzer, who was on the stand part of the day, told of his efforts to unravel the Guinness mystery and the clues which he followed.

One on Attorney Worden. During the cross-examination of Sheriff Smutzer Attorney Worden, for the defense, by his questions tried to throw suspicion upon the officer, intimating in particular that Sheriff Smutzer had been at the Guinness place in his automobile before the fire. On re-direct examination Prosecutor Smith asked Sheriff Smutzer if h's automobile had ever been at the Guinness place before the fire. The answer was "No." The state's attorney then asked: "Is there in town any automobile like yours?" To this the sheriff replied: "Yes, Attorney Worden has one."

What Lamphere Said of the Fire. Deputy Sheriff Leroy Marr testified that on the evening of April 28th, he went to the home of John Wheatbrook to arrest Ray Lamphere. Just as Marr entered the gate Lamphere came out of the door. Marr testified that he said: "Ray, get on your coat and go to town with me." Lamphere's reply was: "Did those three children and that woman get out of the building?" Marr asked "What building?" Lamphere answered: "That building near town." Lamphere wanted to inform Wheatbrook, who was in a field, of his arrest and so Marr asked him where he was. On the way Marr asked him where he was when he saw that fire. Lamphere replied: "When I got along by the house the smoke was coming out of the windows and around the roof." Marr said that he asked Lamphere if he saw anybody around the place and he said "No."

Saw the Murderess at Work. Deputy Sheriff Anstiss swore that Lamphere made statements to him implying that he saw Mrs. Guinness killing Heleglein. "Then," said Anstiss, "I said to him: 'When you saw Mrs. Guinness killing Heleglein why didn't you tell Smutzer?' He said: 'I don't want to talk about it.' 'But you won't deny it?' I said, and he replied: 'No, sir.' When I talked to him about the Guinness fire he told me he would plead guilty to arson if it were not for his poor mother," concluded the deputy sheriff.

## NOW HERE COMES THE HUNTER

Tells a Story That Will Make the Fish Story Men Hump Their selves.

Columbus, Ind. Nov. 20.—Joseph C. Everroad, a local contractor, is telling what is believed to be the champion hunting story of the season. He has a contract with the city to build a sewer emptying into White river, and a portion of this sewer has been completed. At the river opening the sewer is constructed of concrete and is fifty-two inches in diameter.

Everroad says he was standing near the city end of the sewer when a covey of quail flew into the concrete pipe. He seized a club and started after the birds, chased them to the river end of the pipe, which had been covered with boards, and there killed a dozen quail with his club. He declares he can prove the story by witnesses.

Wagner in an Asylum. South Bend, Ind., Nov. 20.—John C. Wagner, the wealthy writer of the anonymous letters, which threatened the recipients—fifteen prominent men—with instant death provided they did not leave South Bend, has been removed from the county jail and taken to the St. Joseph hospital. His doctor is hopeful of his recovery.

Who's He Alludin' At? Indianapolis, Nov. 20.—Governor-elect Marshall declined to deliver a series of Chautauqua lectures. He says his time belongs to Indiana. The governor-elect has appointed Mark Thistlewaite his private secretary. Thistlewaite is a newspaper man of this city.

The doctor always prescribes plenty of exercise to be sure of good health. That is what Box Ball means.

Sale Bills at The Democrat office.