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## H. FELDMAN DEAD

Trustee of Keener Tp. Victim to Typhoid Fever

## FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TO-DAY

At 10 a. m., From Residence—Was Thought to be Recovering When Sudden Turn for Worse Came.

Henry F. Feldman, for the past four years trustee of Keener township, this county, died at his home in that township Saturday afternoon after a few weeks sickness from typhoid fever. He had been sick for some time but was reported on the mend, and his death came as a shock to his friends throughout the county.

He was aged about 55 years and leaves a wife and five children, nearly all grown. He was an industrious and well respected farmer and owned some 200 acres of land northwest of Demotte, where he resided.

The county auditor Monday appointed Tunis Snip, the trustee-elect of Keener, to serve out Mr. Feldman's unexpired term.

## FIRE LOSS AT DEMOTTE.

Koppleman's Store Burned at an Early Hour Saturday Morning.

Fred Koppleman's general store at Demotte was destroyed by fire at 12:30 a. m., Saturday, the building and all the contents going up in smoke. The fire is thought to have started in the K. of P. lodge rooms above the store. Mr. Koppleman carried \$2,000 insurance on the stock and there was \$800 insurance on the building, which was owned by other parties. The K. of P.'s lost all of their lodge furniture.

There was another fire in Keener township Sunday forenoon, the dwelling on the Sim Simon's farm, two miles southwest of Demotte, was burned to the ground with all the contents. The house was occupied by Mr. Evers, a tenant, who lost all his effects and had no insurance. The house was insured. A defective flue is supposed to have caused the fire.

## \$15,000 FIRE AT MOROCCO.

Restaurant, Meat Market and Millinery Store Destroyed.

Morocco, Ind., December 21.—A fire, which started here about 4 o'clock this morning, destroyed Smart & Hope's restaurant, Hanger & Brown's meat market and a millinery store owned by Celia Myers. A large brick building, owned by H. Bragg, of Brook, was damaged. The total loss was estimated at \$15,000, with light insurance.

## ABSORBING QUESTION IN LAKE.

Tuberculin Test Condemns Cows, But Post-mortem Shows Them Healthy.

About a hundred people gathered at the Theo. Staff place near the fair ground last Monday forenoon, and witnessed the killing and examination of two cows, one belonging to Staff and the other to Harry Collins, and both had been condemned by the tuberculin test. The closest examination that could be made by veterinarians Woolbridge and Williams failed to show any disease. The first, a cow eight years old, fat and in good order, was slaughtered and outside of half dozen wire, eight penny nails in her second stomach there was nothing alarming, although there was a small bunch in her stomach the size of a hickory nut, which was not natural. The three year old heifer belonging to Collins, after careful search had no signs of disease whatever, and many took away pieces of the meat to cook and eat.

This puts the dairymen in a worse dilemma than before and it is believed that there will be more post-mortems held, and if they all turn out the way those examined did, the tuberculin test will be looked on in these parts with suspicion. The cow owners seem now all at sea on the question, which means dollars and cents to them, and the end has not yet come. The majority of them are like the people in Missouri, who want to be shown things before believing.

The owners of those two animals were partially paid, at least, from a subscription taken up, and the people who helped defray the expense were given meat in exchange for their mite if they wanted it, and many were not backward in claiming some after they witnessed the close inspection. This is a hard case to pronounce a verdict on and everyone interested must be their own judge.

It is reported that some con-

demned cattle are going to be slaughtered at Ainsworth soon, on account of the tuberculin test, and that inspectors furnished by the government for the Chicago stock yards will be present to pronounce the verdict. We have not been able thus far to get the date. Much interest is being taken in the matter by dairymen, and a great crowd will be present if the time is advertised. —Lake County Star.

## START ON VOYAGE OF LIFE TOGETHER.

Monticello Journal: Freeman Wood and Miss Lucy Langford, two young people of color, were married last night by Elder A. W. Jackson at the Christian church at the close of the regular evening services. The novelty of a wedding in which the principals were of the colored race, brought out an audience that filled both of the auditoriums past their seating capacity and many stood through the service to see the ceremony performed. The groom is a well known barber of Rensselaer and is well thought of in that city. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Emily Simmons, nee Langford, of west of town. Both have many friends who will join in well wishes.

## WILL TAKE ROBINSON TRACT.

Commercial Club Directors So Decided Yesterday Morning.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club Directors yesterday morning, with all directors present except E. L. Hollingsworth and G. E. Murray, it was unanimously decided to accept the option on the Warren Robinson tract of land for the factory fund lots at the east side of town, lying along the Monon railroad. There is 76½ acres in this tract altogether, but Mr. Robinson reserves his residence and 1½ acres of ground, leaving 75 acres on which the option is taken at \$130 per acre. Mr. Robinson agrees to take two lots at \$200 each, and should he draw the lot on which a tenant house worth \$700 to \$800 is located, he offers to donate it back.

Other options offered were: The Conrad Kellner tract on the Pleasant Ridge road, \$175 per acre. The Ad Parkinson 24 acres, east of Kellner's formerly owned by Harry Murray, \$150 per acre.

The 20 acres of the former Monnett land, on the Range Line gravel road, \$150 per acre.

Harvey Grant land, north of town, \$250 per acre.

Henry Amsler, 75 acres, north of town, \$140 per acre.

Platting of the land into lots will begin at once.

Mr. Deam of the Chicago Industrial Co., who is having charge of the lot sale, is here, but he does not know just when the metal furniture factory people, who are talking of locating here, can come down to look over the field. He wrote up to them yesterday about the matter.

## THAT ARKANSAS LAND DEAL.

The Development of Which Wrecked the Baldwin &amp; Dague Banks.

Fowler Leader: Grant Hall will go to Logansport Monday. The trade for the purchase of the Arkansas land is still on. About ten years ago a real estate dealer came to Fowler and sold to a company composed of Daniel Baldwin, W. S. VanNatta and W. H. Dague some seven or eight thousand acres of land at about seven dollars per acre. James Richey was given a working interest. He did not manage things profitably, and after a time retired. Then after a year or so, W. S. VanNatta decided that things had run along long enough and proposed to sell his interest, which was one-half, or buy all and fixed the price he would give or take. Messrs Baldwin and Dague proposed to buy, and Mr. VanNatta was given a mortgage on the entire property. The deferred payments with interest now amount to about twenty-seven thousand dollars. And Mr. VanNatta has reached the age which he wants his business affairs straightened. He will doubtless foreclose his mortgage as soon as he can get to it. The land in question has been deeded to the three banks, the Fowler bank being the largest owner. Purchasers want all of the land and not merely part of it and for that reason the receivers of the Goodland bank must co-operate with the receiver of the Fowler and Ambia banks.

## PUBLIC SALES.

The Democrat has printed bills for the following public sales:

Thursday, Dec. 31, Harvey Davison, 9 miles north of Rensselaer on the gravel road. General sale of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and farm implements.

Thursday, Jan. 7, H. N. Moulds, 9 miles east and 2 miles north of Rensselaer, in Hanging Grove tp. General sale, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, farm tools, household goods, etc.

Drive up and pull the bell rope and a clerk will be at your service in two seconds.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

## THE COURT HOUSE

Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

The monthly meeting of the county board of education will not be held next month until the second Monday of the month, on account of the annual settlement of the township trustees with the advisory boards.

Marriage licenses issued: Dec. 18, Leroy S. Price of Rensselaer, son of W. L. Price, aged 21, occupation laborer, to Lottie L. Goodner, also of Rensselaer, daughter of Perry Goodner, aged 16, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

The Carr ditch evidence was all got in Monday and the court thought it might get the matters summed up in shape to render a decision yesterday, although this seemed a little doubtful. Neither side seemed over confident of winning out, though expressing themselves as not at all discouraged.

The county commissioners will be in special session today to let the annual stationery contract and to finish up the business of the year. All those having claims allowed them either today or previously during the present calendar year, should take up the county warrants for same before Jan. 1, as all appropriations lapse on the first of the year and revert back to the county treasury.

After taking 15 ballots at the meeting of the township trustees of Pulaski county on Monday of last week, to elect a successor to the late J. H. Reddick for county superintendent, without succeeding in electing, an adjournment was taken to Friday. There were four candidates: Mrs. J. H. Reddick, Miss Birgie Tobin, H. L. Rogers and E. O. Worley. Mrs. Reddick received 4 to 6 votes each ballot. Necessary to choice, 7.

Squire Irwin officiated Friday afternoon at a marriage in the clerk's office where the groom appeared somewhat unwilling, and tried to prevail on his would-be mother-in-law to postpone the marriage to some other time, but she wouldn't hear to it, and it is said that if it had taken place several months ago it would have been better for all parties concerned. The groom was Leroy S. Price, and he came here from Arkansas last spring. The bride is but 16 and is a daughter of Perry Goodner, who left here some months ago. It is alleged, with the wife of another man, deserting his family. Squire Irwin doesn't furnish a guarantee with such marriage certificates that they will stick.

The Lake County Star, the republican organ of Lake county, says of the election contest now going on at Crown Point: "It seems time to make new naturalization laws which will prohibit such men voting who have caused so much tumult," and the Star is certainly right for once. But for this "Hunyak" vote, however, the big republican majority in Lake county would not have happened in the late election. The investigation, which is still in progress, shows that whole droves of these ignorant foreigners were brought to the naturalization office under the lead of some party worker, and the blanks were signed up in blank and filled in whenever it was convenient; that probably not one-half of these hastily and carelessly naturalized foreigners was entitled to vote, yet they did vote and their votes helped to make the g. o. p. victorious in Lake county. And such cattle as these rule the government of this country, as they hold the balance of power in many states. It is indeed time some change was made in our naturalization laws.

## A HANDSOME REMEMBRANCE.

Union Township Teachers Present Retiring Trustee With Gold Watch Chain and Charm.

The teachers of Union township, at the institute held at Parr last Saturday, served an elegant dinner in the school building, in honor of Trustee Davison, and as a token of the excellent feeling they had toward him they presented him with a handsome gold watch chain and K. of P. charm. County Superintendent Lamson was also a guest at the dinner.

Mr. Davison values the gift very highly, and well he may, for there has never been a clash in any way between him and his teachers during the four years he has been trustee of Union.

## FOR SALE AT A DISCOUNT.

Four high grade autos of different makes. Now is your chance. Address P. O. Box 267, Remington, Ind.

## THE OLD VIRGINIA REEL

A CHRISTMAS REVERIE IN VERSE

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IN old Virginia, on the James,  
Beside Potomac's placid flow,  
Where limpid Shenandoah, shames  
The rival welkin with its glow  
Or Rappahannock runs, you know  
(Ere war had flashed its fiery steel),  
Some half a hundred years ago  
They danced the old Virginia reel.

Where now are they, the stately dames,  
The dimpled maidens all a-row,  
Who played with hearts the deadliest  
games

While lightly treading to and fro?  
Where now is all the dainty show  
Of silken fabric, glance of heel  
And gleam of satin slippared toe  
That danced the old Virginia reel?

Where now the cavaliers? The  
names

Of some have fed the bugle blow  
Of glory-seared in battle flames  
They sleep Virginia's sod below—  
And some have quaffed the common  
woe  
Of nameless death their dooms to seal.  
And yet, good fellows all, heigho!  
They danced the old Virginia reel.

## ENVOY.

Gallants and girls, I see ye grow  
From out the gloom—your ghosts appeal,  
Touch hands anew—the music—so!  
We'll dance the old Virginia reel.

## ORIGINATES IN STARKE COUNTY.

Bill to Have Circuit Judge in Every County Not Result of Local Brain Storm.

It develops that the proposed bill for a circuit court judge for each county in Indiana, which will provide that no judge shall sit on cases in the county from which he is elected, that an Indianapolis paper says Abraham Halleck stated he would introduce in the senate is not the product of Abe's brain but originates in the caranum of one Henry S. Robbins, an attorney of Knox, Starke county, according to the Starke county Republican, and Mr. Halleck is to introduce it at Robbins' request.

The Republican says of the proposed measure:

"Section one of the proposed law provides that the Circuit courts of the State of Indiana shall be divided and embraced in six Judicial Districts; each county shall constitute a Judicial Circuit. Section three specifies that each county shall elect one circuit judge, who shall hold his office for the term of six years, and be ineligible to become his own successor, either by election or appointment. Section six provides that each circuit judge of the state shall hold four terms of court each year in his respective district of which his circuit forms a part, but he shall have held one term of court in each of the counties composing his district, other than the county from which he is elected. No judge shall hold the second term in any county of his district until he shall have held one term in each of the other counties of his district.

"On the first Monday of August of each year the judges of their respective districts shall meet and assign to each his work for the ensuing year, in accordance to this act. The place of the meetings in each of the districts shall be designated by the governor of the state. Section eleven specifies the time of holding elections and says that each county shall elect a judge of the circuit court whenever a vacancy exists, on the second Tuesday of July of said year. Said election shall be according to the Australian system, and each person desiring to be a candidate shall be permitted to have his name placed on the ticket by recording his name and request with the clerk of the circuit court thirty

days before the date of the election. No officer shall be voted for at the election other than the circuit judge, and where there are more than one candidate, the party receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be the party elected.

"The salary of the judges is fixed at \$3,500 per year, with traveling expenses. The proposed law also provides that prosecutors shall receive a salary of \$1000 per year and that they shall be elected, at the regular November elections, for a term of three years. Starke county is included in the first district which is composed of the counties of St. Joseph, Laporte, Lake, Jasper, Pulaski, Porter, Newton, Starke, Fulton, Cass, White, Miami."

This would be a beautiful law indeed, and would just about double the cost for circuit judges and prosecutors in the state. Besides the special time for holding the elections to elect the judges would cost from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for each county.

## OLD FOOTBALL INJURY FATAL.

Laporte, Ind., Dec. 18.—Word was received here today that Frank Hannum, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hannum, of this city, had died in Seattle, Wash., of injuries received in a football game here two years ago. He was injured in the head and a tumor began to grow. Although several operations were made the trouble could not be overcome.

The new meat market for fancy meats for the Christmas holidays. JOE PUTTS.

Pull the bell rope in front of the grocery and a clerk will pop out like a jumping jack from a box. CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Fancy salad dressing, fine syrup, sweet pectallete, good olives and all other little niceties to finish off your Christmas dinner. HOME GROCERY.

Just received a large lot fancy Indiana home grown celery, the finest in the market. CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

10 per cent discount on woolen and cotton blankets at the G. E. Murray Co.

The G. E. Murray Co. are selling flour at \$1.35 per sack. Your money back if it is not the best in town.

## A GREAT INSTITUTION.

The Indiana Business College, with schools at Lafayette, Logansport, Marion, Muncie, Kokomo, Anderson, Richmond, Columbus and Indianapolis, with its specially trained teachers, employment department, and up-to-date features, is the greatest school of practical education in the state. Mid-winter term begins Jan. 4th. Full information furnished by the secretary, W. H. Carrier, Lafayette, Ind.

## REMOVAL NOTICE.

Dr. Rose M. Remmek, optical specialist, who has been located at Clarke's jewelry store, has moved her office to the second floor of Harris Bank building, where she will have more room for the practice of optics. All old patients, and any one suffering from eye discomforts are cordially invited to call. Phone 403.

Buy your Christmas dinner groceries at the Home Grocery.

For Sale or Trade—Two desirable building lots in the west part of the city, each 67x150 feet, well drained, shade, and fruit trees of various kinds set out. Will sell cheap for cash or on time or will trade for well located medium priced residence property and pay difference. Enquire at The Democrat office.

We are very busy these days. We want to serve you the best possible and therefore ask that you telephone us your order as early as possible. HOME GROCERY.

## NURSES WANTED.

Englewood Hospital of Chicago offers a course of training to young women wishing to take up the profession of Nursing. For further information, address Englewood Hospital, 6001 Green St., Chicago.

The cranberry and apples just received at the Home Grocery are extra fine.

## MONEY TO LOAN.

A small amount of private money to loan on first mortgage on real estate in Rensselaer. If taken at once. ARTHUR H. HOPKINS.

A Christmas dinner no matter how good, is incomplete without good coffee. Millar coffee is the one to top it off right. HOME GROCERY.