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LITTLE MORE RAIN YESTERDAY
And Cooler Weather Followed Two
Real Spring Days.

Wednesday and Thursday we had very nice weather again, except that it was quite windy Thursday, but a light rain came early yesterday morning and it was cloudy and much cooler with a drizzling rain during the day. The crest of high water was reached by the river at about midnight Tuesday night, after which it steadily receded. The fields have all been too wet to work any time this week, and it will take several days yet for the lower ground to dry out sufficiently to get onto, even though we get no more rain.

It is generally conceded that we had not had so much water in the fields since the floods of 1913 as there was early in the week. Many farmers over in the south part of the county, in northern Benton and southern Newton counties, where the land is generally very thoroughly tiled, said they had never before seen so much water standing in their fields.

SLEEPER PASSENGER ROBBED

Losses Discovered When Train Reached Rensselaer—Jug Thief.

A young man 21 years old and giving his name as George Doyle of Montreal, Quebec, is in the Tippecanoe county jail charged with robbing at least three passengers in a sleeping car on Monon passenger train No. 4 early Thursday morning. Doyle and a companion boarded the train at Louisville.

Some of the people robbed discovered their loss when the train reached Rensselaer and Doyle, who was suspected as the robber, having left the train at Lafayette. Conductor Charles Moore communicated with Monon Railroad Detective Hayes of that city, who learned that Doyle had taken a traction car to Indianapolis. Officers at Lebanon were notified to arrest the man when the car reached that city, which was done. After his arrest, however, Doyle broke loose from the officers but was captured after a chase in which 50 or people people took part.

Passengers on the sleeping car claimed to have lost \$225 in money, a gold watch and chain, a pair of diamond cuff buttons, a pocket knife and a hand mirror. When searched by the Lebanon police Doyle had \$268.15 on his person and also the missing watch. He confessed a part in the robbery, but claimed to have secured but \$165 in cash, and said the amount over that sum found on him was his own money. He claimed that his partner pulled off the stunt and gave him the money, and said that he had never been in trouble before. He and his partner had started out on a career of crime some two weeks previous. The latter has not been apprehended.

The money and watch were not turned over by the Lebanon police with the prisoner, the Lafayette Journal says.

TURNER PROGRAM DECIDED HIT

Each year the Turner club even, given by the students of St. Joseph college, is becoming more popular. The annual program, which was staged Wednesday evening to a capacity audience in the college auditorium, was certainly an exhibition of real skill and each member of the club displayed thorough training.

The entertainment consisted of various difficult stunts on horizontal and parallel bars, vaulting horse and ladders, also slack-wire walking.

A number of clowns interspersed the program with comedy. The mock prize fight between Jack Dempsey and the French champion, Carpenter, was especially good, and the audience was pleased to see Jack win out in the third round.

The college band furnished music throughout the entire evening, giving a real circus tinge to the affair.

Father Albin Sheidler, athletic director at the college, deserves great credit for introducing this branch of gymnastics and for making this unique and entertaining program an annual event at St. Joseph's.

Many people from Rensselaer and surrounding towns were present Wednesday night. The Remington band attended in a body. Those who missed the first performance will have an opportunity of witnessing it Sunday evening, when the entire program will be repeated.

COURT HOUSE NEWS IN BRIEF

Interesting Paragraphs From the Various Departments

OF JASPER COUNTY CAPITOL

Legal News Epitomized—Together With Other Notes Gathered by Us From the Various County Offices.

The April term of the White circuit court will convene next Monday.

Attorney A. D. Babcock was over from Goodland on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sticknoth of Kentland were visitors in the city Thursday.

George H. Gifford of Tipton was looking after some business matters here a few days this week.

And don't forget that only one more week remains for paying the spring installment of taxes.

Marriage licenses issued: April 20, Marion Jewell of Lafayette, aged 26 Sept. 17 last, machinist, and Edna Fendig of Rensselaer, aged 23 June 29 last, housekeeper. First marriage for each.

E. P. Lane has been appointed Democratic election commissioner and Ray Wood Republican member. They will serve for both the primary and general elections. A full set of election officers are to be appointed to serve in the primary.

Better procure a license for that automobile trailer before the prosecutor gets you—it will prove much cheaper in the end. There are hundreds of trailers used in Jasper county and probably not one percent of them bear licenses as required by law.

County Auditor Robinson will make another effort to get a special meeting of the county council, and has issued a call for Monday, May 3, to take action on important matters pending. In the two previous calls he has been unable to secure a quorum to transact business.

New suits filed: No. 9201. Bank of Wheatfield vs. Owen Williams et al; suit on note. Demand \$400.

No. 9202. Rex Ott vs. Andy T. Schlesinger; action in replevin. Demand possession of one team of horses, set harness, two collars and 2 halters, valued at \$210, possession of property and \$100 damages for detention of same.

"Five little lawyers sitting in a row, one dropped out and then there were four." Mose Leopold has announced his withdrawal from the Republican race for the nomination for judge, realizing the futility of the race with so many Jasper county aspirants. His name will be on the ballot, however, as he did not decide to withdraw until after the time had expired for withdrawing from the list of candidates as filed, and no doubt he will still receive many votes from numerous friends over the circuit.

Miss Hill of Indianapolis, a state inspector of the state board of charities and correction, was in Rensselaer Tuesday and inspected the county hospital, jail and poor farm. She spoke very highly of the conditions of each one of these institutions. So far as Jasper county is concerned no doubt all deserve it, but we are reminded that the same sort of a report was made right along by state inspectors of a Marion county institution and the shocking conditions recently made public in an investigation made in the federal court at Indianapolis and the grand jury indictments that have followed. These "inspections" seem to be largely a farce.

INCREASE IN PRICE OF DAILY PAPERS

Owing to increased cost of papers and distribution, it is necessary for me to add a small increase to the price of daily papers only. Starting May 1, all daily papers will be 3c each; 18c weekly; 75c monthly. Sunday papers remain the same, 50c monthly; daily and Sunday, \$1.25. J. J. MONTGOMERY.

Best job work at Democrat office.

LOCAL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP

To Be Organized Saturday Afternoon at 2:30 in the East Court Room.

This being the first year in the history of Indiana in which women will be permitted to vote for a president of the U. S., it is very important that they acquaint themselves with the machinery through which to exercise their franchise intelligently. For this reason a school of citizenship is to be conducted under the auspices of the Democratic women of the community so that any woman who wishes to thus prepare herself for citizenship may do so. The text books used will be those prepared for the State Franchise league and are therefore non-partisan. These books will be furnished free to any woman wishing to join the class.

We will be pleased to have our Republican friends come and study with us. Speakers of both parties will be asked to address the school from time to time and a question box in which those who differ with us as well as those who agree will be privileged to furnish helpful questions, will be a part of each program. Attorney Mose Leopold will give a short talk on the primary law at Saturday's meeting.

The school will begin promptly at 2:30 and continue just one hour. It is hoped that many country women who are in town on business will attend this meeting.

MRS. ALFRED HOOVER, County Chairman.
MRS. JOHN I. GWIN, District Chairman.

ANOTHER AGED CITIZEN DEAD

Joseph Smith Answered Death Summons Wednesday.

Joseph Smith, who had been in failing health for the past few years, died at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday at the county hospital where he had been taken only a few hours before. Mr. Smith was born Feb. 22, 1837, in Tippecanoe county, Ind., and was therefore past 83 years of age.

The funeral was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the late residence on south Van Rensselaer street, services being conducted by Rev. W. T. Barbre of the Christian church and burial made in the Johnson cemetery near Seaford, White county.

Joseph Smith was born in Tippecanoe county, near Lafayette, Feb. 16, 1837. He enlisted in the civil war in Company G, 63d Ind. Inf., and served until the end of the war. Dec. 22, 1867, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Catherine Wiley, who at that time was a widow with three children. To these children Mr. Smith was a true and loving father. These children have grown to maturity and now reside as follows: John M. Wiley in Moravia, Mont.; William S. Wiley in Hartford, Mich., and Mary J. Summers, widowed, who makes her home with the parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the parents of two children. A daughter died in infancy. The other is a son, Charles F. Smith of Salem, Ind. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived near Seaford, in White county. In the spring of 1888 they moved to Jasper county, occupying a farm which he had purchased near Kinnian. While living there he became a member of the Odd Fellow lodge of Wheatfield, in 1884. They moved to this city in 1912, and since that time had been residents here continuously.

He was in poor health for some time and was taken very seriously Saturday, April 16. Wednesday, April 21, he was taken to the hospital in the forenoon, but lived only a few hours, passing away at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Smith was a splendid citizen, of a happy, jovial disposition, and was beloved by all who knew him well.

HOW DISAPPOINTING IT MUST HAVE BEEN

It is evident that anything shipped in oak barrels these days is given the "once over" at least by the freight handlers and others who have the opportunity, in the hope that the barrel, no matter how labeled, may contain booze. The Democrat got in a 250-pound barrel of newspaper ink this week from a New York ink factory, and the barrel gave evidence of having been tapped a couple of times by driving a large nail through one of the staves near the head. The seekers after alcoholic liquors must have been awfully disappointed when nothing more palatable than printing ink oozed from the incisions.

If you have poultry for sale, call C. H. LEAVEL for prices. Phone 647.

GENERAL AND STATE NEWS

Telegraphic Reports From Many Parts of the Country.

SHORT BITS OF THE UNUSUAL

Happenings in the Nearby Cities and Towns—Matters of Minor Mention From Many Localities.

A MOTOR TRUCK ASSOCIATION

For Hauling Freight Formed at Indianapolis—Ray Yeoman, Officer.

The Indiana Highway Transportation association to establish and develop a highway transportation system for short-haul shipments by motor trucks of all kinds of freight on regular schedules from regular freight stations, was organized at a meeting of shippers, truck operators, farmers and others at the Chamber of Commerce at Indianapolis Wednesday afternoon and night.

Roy Adams was elected president of the association; L. H. Taylor, secretary of the Indiana Federation of Farmers' association, was chosen vice-president; Thomas Snyder, secretary of the transfer division of the Chamber of Commerce, secretary, and C. H. Abraham, treasurer; directors, Frank Shellhouse and W. S. Frye, Indianapolis; H. H. Chambers, Shelbyville; B. J. Bartlett, Huntington; William G. Kreis, Earl Armstrong, Prof. C. C. Albright of the department of transfer engineering, Purdue university; R. C. Yeoman, Indiana secretary of the American Association of Engineers, (son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Yeoman of Rensselaer); I. N. Worth, Fred Wilkinning, W. O. Moore, N. H. Cartinhour, truck director of the Indianapolis Auto Trade association; T. W. Hays, John G. Brown, Monon, and R. H. Muench.

The association accepted the basic rates decided on by the subcommittee as announced last week. It was decided that the board of directors and the executive board are to meet in a few days to close contracts for taking over the old Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Western freighthouse in West street as an Indianapolis terminal truck station and to take over established rural motor routes and arrange for the immediate establishment of new rural routes.

NOTES FROM COUNTY HOSPITAL

B. T. Lanham of southeast Marion entered the hospital yesterday morning for medical attention.

Vera Jenkins, 13-year-old daughter of Mrs. Frank Caster of Medaryville, was brought to the hospital Thursday for medical attention and possibly an operation later.

A son was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spangle of near Rensselaer.

Thomas Burton, who had been a patient in the hospital for several weeks, was able to be taken to his home at Morocco Thursday.

Mrs. Joseph Parish returned to her home at Thayer Wednesday.

Mrs. Arthur Story of Morocco underwent a minor operation yesterday morning.

Miss Tillie Gangloff is improving nicely.

Van Norman has regained consciousness, or partially so, but while his physical condition is good his mind is still in a dazed state and it will probably require some time at least for it to become cleared up. The friends hope that this will be true in time.

MISS FRANCES SMITH FOUND DEAD IN BED

Miss Frances Smith, a life-long resident of this city, was found dead in her bed Wednesday noon by her brother, Henry Smith, when he returned home at the noon hour. It is thought that her death occurred about midnight Tuesday night. She had not been feeling well for some time and when her brother left for his work Wednesday morning he thought her sleeping and did not bother her, but on returning at noon and finding her still in bed he tried to arouse her, only to find her dead.

Deceased was about 70 years of age and is survived by a son, Charles Smith, who was employed in a job printing shop in a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa., when last heard from, but they have been unable to locate him at this writing, also one

WALTER PORTER, JR., MARRIED

In Indianapolis Wednesday to Miss Elizabeth Putts.

Walter Porter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Porter of this city, was married in Indianapolis Wednesday afternoon to Miss Elizabeth Putts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Putts, also of this city. The wedding was a quiet one and was attended by the former's mother, who went to Indianapolis Tuesday afternoon.

Both young people are well and favorably known, having spent most of their lives here, but some time ago went to Indianapolis where Mr. Porter is employed by an upholstering firm and his bride as a stenographer. They will reside in Indianapolis.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

We handle the Rumely line tractors, threshing machines and farm implements; also Western Utilitor, one-horse tractor, at White Front Garage.—KUBOSKE & WALTER.

An armload of old papers for 5c at the Democrat office.

COURT NEWS

Two affidavits for assault and battery have been filed, but no arrests have been made at this writing.

State vs. Irvin Lewis. Dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

State vs. Meredith D. Avery. Dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Francis A. Turfer vs. Hyman Parker. Cause dismissed at defendant's cost.

National Life Insurance Co. vs. Premier Stock Farms association. Dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

Mabel V. Garvin vs. Frank Garvin. Dismissed at defendant's cost.

Arthur E. Arnott vs. James McKinney. Dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Warren Robinson vs. William R. Robinson. Dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

Kellner & Callahan vs. John Elfts. Dismissed, costs paid.

Fred Kupke vs. Ancel Potts. Dismissed at costs of defendant.

Warner T. Elmore et al vs. James McKinney. Dismissed at defendant's cost.

State ex rel. Blanche Cobb vs. Andrew Granger. Bench warrant ordered for defendant.

Frank Wildrick vs. Lillie Wildrick. By agreement it is ordered that plaintiff pay to defendant \$50 per month for her support from April 12, 1920, until further order of court, and also \$50 for her attorney, which is to be paid on May 5, 1920.

William Wihartz et al vs. David H. Craig et al. Cause set for Thursday, April 22.

Frank Melrose vs. Emil Besser. Motion for new trial filed too late and is ordered struck from files.

Arthur R. Jones vs. Ed Oliver et al. Cause set for trial May 8.

Thomas M. Callahan vs. Jesse and Robert Grimm. Petition to reopen and defense filed. Process ordered for plaintiff returnable April 29.

Hazel Marie Hudson vs. Albert Newton Hudson. Defendant ruled to answer April 22.

Daniel V. Comer vs. estate of Malachi P. Comer. Cause submitted and claim of \$75 allowed.

Premier Stock Farms association vs. Joseph Seitzer. Defendant files answer in general denial.

Arthur C. Hartman vs. Opal Ed.

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brother, Henry Smith, with whom she resided.</p