

## News of Surrounding Towns

### MILTON, IND.

Milton, Ind., Sept. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. David Nugent have gone to Indianapolis to visit relatives and attend the fair.

Frank DuGranrut will join his wife, at her brother's in Indianapolis, this week.

George Rothermel has returned from a visit with relatives in Pennsylvania and also a trip to Washington and New York.

Invitations have been issued for a reception dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wilson at the home of his father, at Doddridge, Sunday. There will be about thirty-five guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jackson and family, of Doddridge, returned yesterday from a visit at Alexandria.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Newman, Mrs. Carrie Johnson and son formed an auto party to Abington and Brownsville Sunday.

The M. E. Sunday school will have a market Saturday. They have the promise of a large number of fine cakes. The market will be followed by an ice cream social in the evening.

Miss Lucia F. Hall who taught several terms at the Bentonville high school, entered upon her new work as principal of one of the city schools in Dayton, O. She has a corps of fourteen teachers under her direction. Miss Hall's friends will be glad to hear of her new position.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coons, who were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Coons, have returned to Richmond.

Mrs. J. L. Wilk has gone to Tipton to visit her sister and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bragg have returned from a visit with friends, at Logansport. Mr. Bragg returned on the sick list.

Mrs. Fred Murley and daughter are spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Kate Sheppard at Richmond.

Mrs. George Tucker is spending this week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Beeson. Mrs. Lindsay also spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. Beeson.

John DuGranrut attended the rural mail carriers convention at New Castle Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moore, who have been spending a few days at Milton, returned to Richmond yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore, who have been on a trip into Colorado and other states, have returned. Mr. Moore states that his son, Walter Moore, who is now postmaster at Platteville, Colorado, is well and prospering.

Mrs. Will Daniels is visiting her husband's relatives at Indianapolis. Charles Callaway is attending the postmasters convention at Indianapolis today.

Misses Lillian Wright of Cambridge City, Freda Finney of Indianapolis are guests of Mrs. J. B. Murley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Spell left yesterday for their new home at Muncie. Mrs. Spell has gone to Eaton to visit friends a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Henry have returned home from a visit among relatives in Brown county.

Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson is quite ill. She is threatened with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lycurgus Beeson and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hart were guests with others, at dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Florea, of Connersville, Sunday.

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B. Deem, Charles Walling and Arthur Stage, of Knightstown formed two auto parties with Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lindsay, Sunday.

Henry Newman who has been nursing The Beeson, of near Bentonville, has returned home. He says Mr. Beeson has so far recovered his usual health that he is able to get out in town.

Miss Pearl Thornburg entertained Messrs. Linville Ferguson, Harper Lindsay, Carl Caldwell, Frank Wisler, Carl Mosbaugh, Mr. Fisherling; Misses Mary Caldwell, Hazel Bertsch, Ruth Bertsch, Carlisle Diffenderfer, in honor of Miss Ruby Jones, of Economy who has been her guest, at her home west of town, Saturday evening. On Friday evening Messrs. Philip Furnace of Earlham and Don Sutton, of Dublin spent the evening with Miss Thornburg and guest.

### GREENSFORK, IND.

Greensfork, Ind., Sept. 8.—Orville Hoover and wife are spending his vacation at Centerville, with relatives and friends.

Florence Nicholson, wife and children of Hagerstown, were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Nicholson, west of town Friday and Saturday.

Lewis Smith and wife of Hagerstown, former residents of this vicinity are visiting Mrs. Smith's sister, Catherine Veal, north of town, who has been confined to her room for fifteen months on account of sickness.

Mrs. Blizzard returned home from Easthaven recently, where she had been employed for some time.

Mrs. Joseph Morgan of Indianapolis, is the guest of her father, Abner Bond for a few days.

D. C. Moore, cashier of the first National bank, visited his parents at Mt. Joy, Ind., Saturday and Sunday and was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Arley Wood, near Ridgeville, Ind., Labor Day.

A. M. Brower and son, east of town will be guests of his sister, Mrs. Annie Bishop, of near Indianapolis, while attending the state fair.

Will McLaughlin, wife and daughter Alberta, Harry Buntin and wife, ate supper with Ed Hatfield and family Sunday.

John Bunnell, wife and sons of near Hagerstown, were guests of friends here Sunday.

### HAGERSTOWN, IND.

Hagerstown, Ind., Sept. 8.—Mrs. Alice Fouts and Mrs. George Fouts have returned from a short visit with relatives at Union City.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Conway and family were entertained Sunday by Mrs. Deborah Forest east of town.

Mrs. Sallie Keever of Richmond spent Monday among friends here.

Mrs. Lewis Hoover and son Robert of Indianapolis have been visiting her brother Chas. Forkner and family and was a guest Monday at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thornburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rowe and two children Fred and Pauline, Mr. and Mrs. David Working, Mrs. Dollie Working and daughter Goldie, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Rowe and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Brown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Rhodes near Mooreland.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Williams and children of New Castle spent Sunday and Monday among relatives in this vicinity.

### CAMBRIDGE CITY, IND.

Cambridge City, Ind., Sept. 8.—Will Smith, at Indianapolis, is visiting his father, Jack Smith, and his sisters, Mrs. John Combs and Mrs. Will Harrison.

Guy Little of Chicago, is spending a few days with his father, Dr. W. R. Little.

The members of the Rebekah Aid society will picnic at Jackson Park Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hobbs of Bridgeport, who have been visiting relatives in this place will attend the wedding of Hugh Maury of Rushville and Miss Anna Ross of Richmond tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Manlove have gone to Muncie, where they will spend a week visiting relatives.

Mrs. Catherine Wheelan is spending the week in Richmond with her son, T. L. Wheelan.

Mrs. Howard Elliot and son, Robert of New Castle, are spending a few days with relatives in this place.

Albert Hess, a graduate from the Cambridge City High school, and Miss Mabel Canary, of Indianapolis, were married last Wednesday. Mr. Hess is an employee in the post office department of that city.

Miss Lola Clark has returned home after a three weeks' visit with friends in Newton, Ill.

Mrs. George Robey visited friends at the Spiceland sanitarium the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Condo, of Alexandria have been spending several days with friends in this vicinity. Mr. Condo is in attendance on his brother.

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er, James Condo, of Germantown, who is seriously ill.  
Mrs. F. J. Scudder has returned from Knightstown, where she visited her parents.

Frank Fronaphel went to Petoskey Tuesday to spend several days with his wife and son, who have been there for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Callaway, Mrs. J. B. Routh and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Callaway have returned, after a visit with relatives in Cincinnati and Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ingalls have moved to this place from Richmond and will take up their residence in East Cambridge. Rumor has it that Mr. Ingalls is to fill the office of watchman on some part of the railroad construction work.

Mrs. Sarah Ingalls has returned to her home, after having spent a month with relatives in New Castle.

Mrs. A. J. Johnson, of Chicago, is a visitor in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Pritchard.

Miss Marie Hodsikin is a candidate for the piano at the Wheeler Shoe store.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brindel have rented the south half of the Morrey property on Mulberry street, and will take possession this week. Mr. Brindel will have charge of the packing and shipping department at the Over-all factory. Mrs. Brindel is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Coffin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Byrnmenn, who have been the guests of Cambridge City relatives, have returned to their home in Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Houston have returned to their home in Effingham, Ill., after a visit with the former's sister, Mrs. George Robey, and other relatives.

The Scott sisters, the Misses Minnie, Mabel, Maud and Hazel, who have been in the employ of a glove factory in Franklin, Ohio, have returned to Cambridge City, and have resumed work in the Bartel Garment factory.

Joe Marsh and family have returned from Dayton, where they were visiting relatives.

### WORK THAT TELLS.

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Estimates which have been made by careful students of crop conditions for the present season place the yield of wheat at the highest figure save one in the history of the country and the corn and oats crops are the largest which the country has ever produced.

This has a tremendous significance in the minds of all who appreciate the connection between bumper crops and good times. Never before have these three great staples reached so high a figure in the same season. The result is in part due to exceptionally favorable weather conditions, including abundant moisture and freedom from blight, but also to a more intelligent and careful type of agriculture, about which much is being said these later days. This latter factor is one of the most hopeful signs of the present, as the possibilities of the American ranch and farm wisely handled are only just beginning to be realized.

Frances E. Willard's Tribute.  
The Christian Endeavor societies have come just in time to lift the churches out of formality and inaction, to warm them with the young life blood without which they would ere long become torpid and to correlate them with the blessed everyday activities of this humanitarian age, nor will it prove a small part of the good work which I believe these young people are to accomplish that they illustrate to their elders that not only has God set his earth in families, but the church also, and that in the household of faith, man and woman are to stand side by side as priest and priestess, equal in power and equally commissioned to preach the glad tidings of the gospel of peace.—Frances E. Willard.

Miss N. Edwards, Cooley, Gloucestershire, is said to be the highest authority in England on poultry. She has won over one thousand prizes and exported poultry into every country. Beginning in a small way with only twenty fowls, her poultry farm is now one of the largest in England. She not only raises chickens for the general market, but sells eggs and stock birds.

Nuremberg is the center of the toy trade of the world. More than half the employees in the toy factories are women and girls. The wages of the female toy-makers are about 5 cents an hour. Of the estimated German toy output of \$25,000,000 a year about \$19,000,000 is exported, more than half going to Great Britain and the United States.

## TO IMPROVE MAIN STREET IN EATON

That and Other Action Taken By the Eaton Council in Regular Session.

### T. M. WATERS IS DEAD.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS OF PREBLE COUNTY HOLD MEETING—PERSONAL NOTES GATHERED BY CORRESPONDENT.

Eaton, O., Sept. 8.—A resolution ordering the improvement of Main street, east of the P. C. & St. L. Ry., to the corporation line was adopted at the regular meeting of council Monday night. An ordinance ordering the construction of a large number of sidewalks in all parts of the city, was also adopted. Bids will be received for the construction of a cement sidewalk between Maple and Aukerman streets on the south side of High street. The contract for the construction of several walks on East Bruce street and on North Aukerman street will be awarded soon.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for bids on 50 tons of coal which is to be used at the city building during the coming winter. The annual depository ordinance, which gives notice to banks of the receiving of bids for the use of the money in the corporation treasury was passed and ordered published.

### RURAL CARRIERS MEET.

A meeting of the members of the Preble County Rural Letter Carrier's association was held in Eaton Monday and was attended by a number of representatives from various towns in Preble county. E. H. Cook, Toney Price and H. C. Aydelotte, who attended the meeting of the state association, held a few weeks ago at Lima, Ohio, submitted reports. The following officers were selected to serve during the coming year:

President—H. C. Aydelotte, Eaton. Vice President—Charles Fowler, Camden. Secretary-Treasurer—E. W. Siders, Eaton.

Executive Board—C. P. Dowler, Eldorado; Charles Spessard, West Alexandria; C. R. Neff, Camden; W. H. Garretson, New Paris.

### WELL KNOWN FLORIST DEAD.

T. M. Waters, a well known florist of Eaton, died Monday morning at 8 o'clock at his home on North Barron street, after an illness of several months' duration. He was a victim of tuberculosis, and his health had been on a decline for a long time. Mr. Waters was 56 years of age and is survived by his wife.

### PERSONAL ITEMS.

Miss Edith Whitridge, of Baltimore, Md., who had been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ressler, for the past several days, returned to her home last Saturday.

F. B. Husted, of Liberty, Ind., is spending a few days in Eaton, with his daughter, Mrs. Earl Young, and attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Koonitz have returned to Dayton after a short visit with friends and relatives near Eaton.

Mrs. Elmer Smith of Richmond, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Dwire and other relatives.

County Recorder Charles G. Oldfather and County Treasurer Isaac K. Neal entered upon their second term of office Monday and were duly sworn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Hipple have returned to their home in Dayton after a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dietrick Glander.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Bristow, of Dayton, are visiting Mrs. Bristow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Deem.

## FOUGHT WITH WEASEL

Milton, Ind., Sept. 8.—Mrs. Frank Florea had an exciting experience recently with a weasel. Mrs. Florea lives on a farm near Harrisburg. She heard some disturbance among her poultry and following the noise came upon a weasel, hidden in the grass. It had a fine large chicken caught and could not escape without losing its prey. Mrs. Florea secured a shovel and beat the animal until she killed it. The chicken so released, walked off, apparently uninjured. Mrs. Florea, who is just recovering from a severe illness, was almost exhausted before killing the animal.

The extent of the use of chewing-gum among the people of the United States is illustrated by the fact that the importation of "chicle" in 1908, chiefly for use in the manufacture of chewing-gum, amounted to more than 4,000,000 pounds. This article is obtained in southern Mexico from the trunks of the sapodilla plum tree, and the importation of this gum during the last decade has amounted to about 30,000,000 pounds, or over 13,000 tons, valued at over \$8,000,000.

The wood preservation industry of this country during the year 1908 called for the use of 56,000,000 gallons of creosote, 19,000,000 pounds of zinc chloride, with small quantities of corrosive sublimate, crude oil and other chemicals.

On account of State Fair, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co. will run special cars, leaving Richmond, 5:00, 6:00, 7:25 and 8:00 a. m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Last car will leave Indianapolis at 11:30 Thursday and Friday.

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## Of Interest to the Farmers

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### THE TIME FOR ACTION.

The most appropriate time to talk about good seed corn is not March 1, when the time for testing it is at hand, but the few weeks preceding Oct. 15, during which time the choicest and earliest maturing ears can be secured and thoroughly dried and cured before heavy freezes take place. While at the job it is well to secure more than one needs for himself, for some hapless fellow in all probability will not take the necessary precautions and next spring will be anxious to get the surplus seed and pay a good price for it. The seed ears should be hung in a well ventilated open shed, southern exposure preferable. When thoroughly dry it may be stored in a dry place, a conventional arrangement being to tie the ears in strings of about twenty ears, each being fastened at the middle and straddling the one above it. The strings of ears should then be hung up where the mice cannot get at them and where they will not draw moisture during the winter months.

To be on the safe side it is well to store the ears where they will not be subject to severe cold. In the fall selection of seed ears not only should the time of maturity of the ear be considered, but its shape, outward appearance of kernels and general thriftiness. It should be even rowed, and the kernels should cover the tip as completely as possible. A detailed study of the kernels is best delayed until next spring at testing time, when ears having germ ends which are not plump to the germ end may be discarded along with those which do not show enough vitality. Professor Holden, the great corn expert, holds that if all seed ears were picked and hung up to dry by Oct. 15 they would be done to increase the yield of corn than would be possible in any other way.

HOW HE SAVED HIS CROP.  
Last spring at blossom time, when growers in many sections of the west were having the time of their lives trying to save the prospective crop of fruit by making snuggles and burning fire pots and pitch pots and what not in their orchards, a Rogue river owner near Medford, in the Rogue river valley, in southern Oregon, having tried all of these plans and failed, decided that what was needed most in his orchard was to keep the blossoms from freezing. He was just plain meat, so he built some fifty small fires of fir cord wood in about nine acres nights when the thermometer dropped to the danger point and by this means succeeded in keeping the temperature up some 12 degrees. The fuel and labor cost per night of this protection was \$5, or about 55 cents per acre. An interesting feature of this case is the fact that the fires which were kept burning in orchards on three adjoining sides from three to five rows back from the fence. The ranchman in question was paid for his pains in shown in the fact that there are now hanging on his trees from 3,500 to 4,000 boxes of choice Newtows, Spitz and Ben Davis, which will net him from \$2 to \$3 a box. So well did this simple plan work that others should know of it.

### SOME FEEDING EXPERIMENTS.

The Illinois experiment station has been making some exhaustive tests in the feeding of steers. While the full details of the experiments have not been made public, some general results have been announced. One conclusion arrived at is that the quantity of the feed given affects materially the amount of the feed digested by the animals—that is, the more feed given the less proportionately was digested, one lot, receiving 20 per cent less of the same food than another, making 2 per cent larger gain in flesh. Another fact demonstrated was that steers can be fattened upon a relatively low protein ration, which means economical meat production. This one point of economical use of feed in fattening operations is one that should be given attention by every feeder, who without much extra trouble could carry out much the same tests as those indicated above, and prove the value of them from his own experience.

### POOR SCHOOLS AND BIG BARN.

It ought not to be so, but in all too many instances the country school-house and grounds are the most ill kept and slovenly in appearance and the teacher the most ill prepared for her work and poorly paid in districts where one sees the biggest barns, the most hogs in lot and cattle in pasture. It might be added, too, that it is usually in districts of this description where the boys and girls are kept from school almost any pretext and from which they dig out for more congenial surroundings just as soon as they can earn their own way. This condition referred to is a wretched and shortsighted perversion of the relative importance of things and ought to be righted.

### The present output of wheat in Canada is 288,000,000 bushels annually, and this with but 7 per cent of her available wheat land utilized.

The fall months are the proper ones in which to start the bulbous plants for next year's garden. The bed should be made rich and mellow and the bulbs set in place before the cold weather comes on.

It isn't the fish and game a fellow gets when on a day's jaunt, but rather the relaxation, exercise and fresh air, that are of most value. He may not think so at the time, but the delusion is perfectly harmless.

If the gasoline engine is to be stationary the best possible foundation for it is one of stonework or cement laid deep enough to give needed stability. Iron rods with large clamps should run to the bottom of the foundation and extend high enough so that the base of the machine can be anchored to them.

The tomato vines may be counted on to produce fruit, which in size will

be in an inverse ratio to the number allowed to mature. The best and most perfect fruit is produced where but two or three stems are permitted to carry fruit, the pruning being done gradually during the growing season. However, where the vines have been allowed to grow at will much can be done to increase the size of the fruit set as well as to hasten maturity by cutting off a good share of the growing shoots with some kind of a sharp knife.

A man who some years ago moved into a neighborhood where yellow mustard was thicker in the fields than hair on a dog's back writes a leading agricultural paper that the way to get rid of the pest is first to clean the seed grain and not sow mustard seed. As a second precaution he recommends plowing the fields as soon as the shocks are off, which will germinate the seed the same fall and prevent it living through the winter. Lastly he suggests keeping the roadsides and fence corners clean. This program of extermination would seem to be pretty good.

The forest service bureau has on exhibition a number of two inch sections of several varieties of wood which have been put through tests for strength, and the showing which the eucalyptus makes is remarkable. The sample of this wood broke down under an end strain of 43,200 pounds, the fiber stress per square inch being 13,580. In like blocks of oak and hickory, generally supposed to be the strongest and toughest of our native woods, the figures for the two strains were respectively 17,000 pounds and 4,570 pounds and 36,280 pounds and 8,880 pounds.

The writer recently had opportunity to put some questions to a civil engineer who has had charge of private and government irrigation projects in the Yakima valley. Among other things, his opinion touching pumping plants for irrigation purposes where the land did not lie right to receive water from a gravity system was that they were quite practicable and satisfactory and for a forty acre tract ought not to exceed \$800. He held that even better results could be secured, including greater economy in operation, if group of from three to six neighbors were to unite in the construction and maintenance of such irrigating plant.

One of the surprises for the visitor at the Seattle exposition is the remarkable display of agricultural products to be found in the Alaska building. The climate of southern Alaska is greatly modified by ocean currents, which have much the same effect that the gulf stream has on the countries of northern Europe. As far north as latitude 64 degrees grains and grasses are grown successfully, as well as potatoes and other root crops. The last to be added to the list is the festive watermelon. Considering the fact that this great domain was for many years viewed as a resort for seals and polar bears, the showing referred to is not bad.

The cutting of the roadside weeds is to be urged for two or three very good reasons—first, to keep them from maturing and scattering a big crop of seed; secondly, to prevent their becoming a catch for drifting snows and thus a serious hindrance to winter traffic, and, thirdly, the improved appearance of the highway from the standpoint of those who drive over it. While the first two reasons given are perhaps the most practical, the third is just as important, for, whether they will or no, the character, public spirit and enterprise of the residents of a community are often very accurately shown by the care they give the highways for which they are responsible.

As soon as the tops of the onions are ripe and the roots sufficiently dead to permit of easy pulling the crop should be rebed into convenient rows with a round toothed rake, care being taken not to bruise the onions. They should then be allowed to dry until the top is completely shriveled and the outside skin rattles, when the topping may be done with a pair of light, sharp scissors. If dry enough to store they may be crated or sacked when topped. If not they should be given a few days more curing. Before being sacked or stored the crop should be thoroughly dry, and this is a point which any careful buyer would insist on. The crop should be secured as early as possible in sections where frosts occur, as a hard freeze will cause the onions to sweat and sprout.

Did he but realize it the farm or ranch owner living along main traveled roads is interested financially in keeping them in the best possible condition in a far greater degree than the rural carrier, the auto owner or any one else who uses them.

The annual loss to live stock in the United States from the ravages of predatory animals is placed at \$130,000,000. In the face of these figures it is not surprising that a campaign of extermination is being organized by state and federal authorities.

An orchard plow has recently been devised with which it is possible to run close to the trunks of the trees, yet allow horses to work two or three feet farther from the tree. It is something that has been needed and is highly prized by those who have used it.

Secretary Coburn of the Kansas state board of agriculture refers in his book on alfalfa to fields of this legume in Mexico which have reached an age of 200 years, to fields in France that are 100 years old and to some in New York which have 60 years to their credit. In the face of such figures alfalfa well deserves its designation, "perennial."

The Montana experiment station has been making some investigations with a view to learning just how great is the effect of alkali in the soil upon different kinds of cement work. Cases have come to the notice of the

station officials where cement foundations in moist alkali soil have almost entirely disintegrated. While the tests have not been completed, enough has been learned to make out a pretty bad case for cement work set in alkali soil.

There are today in the United States about 42,000 rural mail routes, served by some 40,000 carriers, who receive on the average a salary of \$800 per annum. Many of the routes are not self sustaining and are largely responsible for the annual deficit which has existed for the past two or three years. Patrons on such unprofitable routes ought to realize more fully than they do that after being given a fair trial a good many of such routes will be discontinued. It is up to the patrons whether the service they have shall be kept up.

An old codger we read an account of the other day got his name into the newspapers by swallowing the claims of a smooth stranger without so much as winking and paying \$10 for three little bottles of dope which it was claimed would cure any ailment of man or beast of however serious character. The item did not go on to say whether the stuff in the bottles later turned out to be plain water, vinegar or machine oil. The important thing is that the fool was parted from his money. This kind ought to take the new dollar or dollar and a half they get and subscribe for and also read their local paper, in which skin games and swindles of this and other brands are exposed every day.