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One paper in the home is worth a dozen in the byway. THE DEMOCRAT IS THE HOME PAPER of Mercer County.

GRAND JURY IGNORES KILLING

Of Marshal Swartz at Coldwater, Shot Down by Andrew Coates on 7th Inst.

The grand jury, which convened in special session last Friday morning to investigate the shooting of Marshal Jacob Swartz, of Coldwater, reported to Judge Layton Saturday morning that they had examined five witnesses, and ignored the case presented to them.

Prosecutor Romer was very much chagrined at the action of the jury, and like many others felt that the seriousness of the offense merited an indictment of at least manslaughter.

Instead the jury not only ignored the case but wanted to exonerate Coates, notwithstanding that he was prepared to kill his man and seemed to go out of his way to court trouble.

Coates was released from jail by Sheriff Fisher about eleven o'clock, and was first greeted by his wife and mother. After this, in company with his attorney, C. S. Younger; Coates met people on the street who seemed to regard him more as a hero than as a man who had taken the life of another.

In some circles the arrest of Coates and the attempt of the officers to probe the affair seemed to be frowned upon, a condition of public mind that can scarcely be accounted for, and bodes no good for law and order.

Relic of State Campaign During Civil War

Our old friend J. R. Graham of Rockford made The Democrat a friendly call the first of the week, showing a clipping from a Cincinnati paper of 1863, containing a poem, "Vallandigham and Freedom," on the reverse side of which was the speaking dates in Ohio of Hon. D. W. Voorhees of Indiana, one of which was held at Lima, Friday, October 2, 1863. The old clipping also disclosed the fact that such celebrated men as John G. Thompson, Geo. L. Converse, Samuel Medary, Amos Lyman and Allen G. Thurman were that year members of the Democratic State Central Committee.

Ex-Commmissioner H. B. Bennett, of Montezuma, who was in town the first of the week, disclaimed any knowledge of the organization of the Western Ohio Progressive Association, with which his name was associated as Vice President in an article appearing in The Democrat last week. However he said he was in favor of banishing all the canals and reservoirs of the State. What he would do with the rivers and creeks he did not say, but as they occasionally overflow their banks and commit depredations we presume they are also in line for banishment.

Elmer Brough, of Liberty township; Verge Dixon, of Scudder, and C. C. Drake, residing nortn of town, were among our business caller this week. The two latter gentlemen were in arranging for public sales of their personal property, notices of which will be found on another page.

Jonas Thomas, of Center township, is home from a six months' stay at Alberta, Canada. He brought back with him some fine specimens of grains and potatoes which was raised by Geo. Wollam, a former Mercer County resident.

Our young friend Frank Hopf, of Willshire, was in town Monday attending to some business matters at the Court-house and found time to make The Democrat a friendly call before leaving town.

See the big assortment of up-to-date fall millinery at the Borger sisters' store before you purchase. Opening next Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Onward March of I. and R. and Some Comment

A commission form of government, including the initiative and referendum, was adopted at a special election at New Orleans on the 28th ult. by 23,000 for, to 2,119 against. New Orleans is the largest city in the United States to adopt the commission form.

The people of New Orleans did not get scared to death like a lot of Democratic voters of Mercer County who virtually allowed themselves to be voted by the whisky trust, the white slave trade and a lot of big interests that fear the initiative and referendum. They couldn't see that the lying stuff sent broadcast over the state in pamphlets, in renegade newspapers and magazines was circulated for a purpose. Every piece of literature attacking the initiative and referendum came from one of these sources. Little stool pigeons, every community has some of them, chirruped what the Big Interests said, and acted as their errand boys.

All this stuff had to be paid for by somebody. Laboring men didn't send it out, farmers did not send it out, small business men did not send it out. Who did? Some body of men who thought it would interfere with their schemes of plundering the people, who enjoy some privilege they are afraid of losing if the people come to their senses and have such a club as the initiative and referendum laying around within reach. Many Democrats were fooled because their papers lent aid to these schemers and reaped a few dirty dollars.

Farmers and no doubt many others were taken in by such papers as the Ohio Farmer, a very reliable paper in all things THE BIG INTERESTS ARE NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED IN. It will will jump onto the little offenders all right and say a word now and then about the big fellows when it don't count, but when it comes to a death grapple between the people and Big Business there is no trouble to locate it if you have eyes to see.

If the public could see what influences are at work in back rooms of newspaper offices they would have to be shown before they gulped down the dope prepared for them. Newspapers and all other publications should be compelled, as Wm. J. Bryan has frequently suggested, to print at the head of their publication each week the name of every editor, every stockholder and every man directing its affairs Then the people would know what prompted arguments for and against measures and men.

During the Con.-Con. campaign just closed some of the leading temperance orators, like their whisky brethren, went out of their way to attack the initiative and referendum. For many years the temperance people of the State have asked the legislature to put the question of State prohibition up the voters of the State, their appeals always being ignored. With the I. and R. part of the fundmental law, these temperance advocates well knew they could force the legislature to act. Can anyone give a decent reason for their opposition to a measure that would give them what they want? Looks like they were tainted.

In circulating initiative and referendum petitions for signatures, William J. Bryan suggests that, instead of allowing them put in the hands of fakirs, running the streets and annoying people in their places of business, they be left at some public office within easy access of all, where signatures can be made in a sensible manner. Of course this will not please some people, particularly the interests, who would like to see the measure made as obnoxious as possible, hoping to disgust the people with a cart load of proposals every season, involving questions of little or no importance.

Ten years ago Herbert S. Bigelow obtained a leave of absence from the congregation of the Vine Street Church of Cincinnati, of which he was and still is pastor, to organize the state for a campaign in behalf of the Initiative and Referendum. From that time until the polls closed on September 3d he kept steadily at it. To no other indivdual is so much of the credit due for the great victory that has been won.

Daniel Shue, a teamster employed by the Ames Bending Co., was arrested by Humane Officer Hight last Saturday, on a charge of cruelty to animals. He plead guilty in Justice Myers' court and was fined $15 and costs.

Fall millinery opening at Mrs, Kate Ellis' next Wednesday, September 25.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

—From New York World.

When the illustrious Grant asked a third term the people of New England thundered their "No." Is this the reason Roosevelt calls New Englanders "ignorant, prejudiced and craven" in his recent speech?

DON'T APPROVE OF SEWERAGE PLAN

City Fathers Want More Light from Firm Having the Work in Charge

Council met in adjourned session Tuesday night with all members present but Winkeljohan and with Mayor Miller presiding.

A resolution authorizing the issuance of $10,600 refunding bonds was passed.

Councilman Lennartz of the Sewer Committee presented a new sewer map, which he had receivsd from the W. J. Sherman Co., showing a system that might be put in for $80,000. The plan was very incomplete and did not meet with general approval from the council. Mr. Sherman has been asked to meet the Council at the regular meeting next Tuesday night and explain the new proposition.

CUPID'S VICTIMS

Oscar Miller of Liberty township, and Miss Alice M. Deal, of Dublin township, were quetly married by Rev. Bennett at the M. E. Church parsonage, in this city, last Saturday morning. Immediately after the ceremony the couple returned to the home of the bride's parents, near Rockford, where a sumptuous dinner was served. The groom is a popular young farmer of Liberty township, a son of Marks Miller, and the bride is the winsome daughter of Freeman Deal, of Dublin.

Miss Viola good, daughter of Perry Good, formerly of East Market street, this city, and Otto Miller, of Dayton, were united in marriage at Newport, Ky., last Saturday. The young couple will reside at Dayton, where the bride has been working for some time and where the groom is employed in the National Cash Register works.

Thomas McGary and his bride, formerly Miss Edith Stanberry, arrived in this city last Monday, for a several week's visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Stanbeery, of Near Neptune. The marriage of Mr. Gary and Miss Stanberry occurred at Dayton on the 4th inst. The groom is in the grocery business at Dayton. The bride is well-known in this city and for some time was a clerk in the Anthony dry-goods stores. She has been working for several months at Dayton.

Jesse Shepherd, of this city, and Miss Louis May Chambers, of Ft. Loramie, were united in marriage by Justice Myers at his office last Tuesday afternoon. They will reside in this city.

SOCIAL MATTERS

The third annual reunion of the DeHays-Now families was held a Merceling Park on the 12th inst., and while not as largely attended as usual proved a most enjoyable gathering. By a unanimous vote it was decided to hold next year's meeting at Mercclina Park, and the following officers were elected:

LeRoy DeHays, of Findlay, president; Mrs. Wm. Heiby, of Ft. Recovery, secretary.

The fourth annual reunion of the Strohl-Tigner-Pearson families was held at the Wapakoneta fair-grounds on the 5th inst. Friends and relatives from Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia and Ohio were present. It was an enjoyable affair and brought up many pleasant memories. Dinner was served in the dininging hall, a splendid place to take care of a crowd. A fine program made the day a complete success.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Henry Strohl, of Sisterville, W. Va., President; John Tigner, of Celina, Vice President; Mrs. Lizzie Janes, of Celina, Secretary-Treasurer.

There were 107 of the families present.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Fennig, two miles east of New Corydon, Ind., gathered a large crowd of State Line young people on Tuesday evening, the 10th, to spend Sunday with Harvey Fennig and wife before they left for their new home at Springfield, O. Games were played and music was furnished by Mrs. Earl Weil, G. L. Schroyer and Zura Walters, while the crowd did some fine singing also. The Young Ladies Bible Class, of which Harvey has been teacher, presented him with a present of $20. Ice cream was served to the crowd on a large table out on the lawn.

Those present were: Rev. A. A. Richardson and wife, Adam Miller wife and children, Dan Stolz and wife, David Fennig and wife, G. L. Schroyer and wife, Harvey Fennig and wife, Earl Weil and wife, of Celina; Albert Fennig, Eva Saxman, Pearlie, Flossie, Fannie and Zula Fennig; Mabel Stolz, Cora Weil, Ottie Leininger, Dorcie, Wesley, Arthur, Delpha and Maurice Fennig; Paul Saxman, Geo. Saxman, Walter and Elmer Fennig, Chester Stolz, Monroe Schroyer, Francis Walters and Mart Wagner. All adjourned at a late hour wishing Harvey and wife success in their new home.

Chickasaw Milliners Showing New Fall Goods

The Hagedorn Sisters, the well known Chickasaw milliners, are now displaying a splendid stock of new fall and winter hats and up-to-date millinery, and especially invite the ladies to inspect their goods before the rush of the season's work begins.

Good Positions Secured by Lima Business College Graduates

Last week we placed Bertha Kuhns and Hazel Laman with F. J. Banta & Co; Earl Edwards, Penn. Lines; Banning Smith, City Bank of Lima; Lucy Coats, L. E. & W. R. R.; Grace Gallentine, Shirr-Ruffle Co., Lima; Lawrence Cunningham, Stolzenbach Baking Co.

Our school averages a call a day for students to fill positions. Twenty years of successful work have given us a reputation for thoroughness that insures good positions to our graduates. New term begins October 1.

LIMA BUSINESS COLLEGE

The Borger sisters announce their fall millinery opening for next Wednefday, September 25.

Personal Property Tax Denounced As a Fraud

At the Pennsylvania State election of 1910 in a three-cornered contest, the Keystone Party came out second. Its candidate for Governor, Wm. H. Berry, single-taxer, received a majority of votes in the state outside the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburg. He was only beaten in these cities through crooked work at the ballot box. This year the Keystone Party has nominated him for State Treasurer and adopted a platform which contains among other progressive planks the following:

We denounce the personal property tax as unjust and demand its abolition. We call for the repeal of the useless mercantile license tax, which was created to provide political jobs.

We favor as most just and equitable a tax upon community-made land values and upon the franchises of public service corporations, which would relieve industry of its burden, lower the cost of living, thwart monopoly, encourage enterprise, destroy the deadly slum in the city and make productive the waste land of the country.

In order to prevent disturbance of legimate business we favor the gradual reduction of assessments on improvments and their imposition upon land values until the whole financial burden of government shall be placed upon community values and public service corporations.

Mr. Berry has also been nominated by the Democratic Party.

Effect of Land Value Taxation in Australia

Advocates of the taxation of land values will be greatly encouraged by the success of the Austrailian land tax, as shown by the first report of the Commissioner....As to its financial results, its promoters....expected a revenue of $50,000,000 the first year; $7,500,000 is the amount realized. Within nine months of the operation of the tax, estates valued at more than $90,000,000 were sub-divided, and ready purchasers were found at good prices. The evil which the act sought to remedy was generally admitted. Readers may remember a series of articles published in these columns some two years ago, giving the experiences of a group of Yorkshire emigrants in West Austrailia. They described how they traveled out to the back-blocks past miles on miles of fertile land close to the railway, land which any settler with a little capital would be glad to take up. It was nowhere denied that land was so held out of cultivation by speculators, but it was urged that the extent of the evil had been much exaggerated. The Commissioner's report is a sufficient answer. —The Yorkshire (England) Observer, July 5.

Plunderbund for Once Lost Out

It turned out immediately after adjournment of the Ohio Constitutional Convent that plunderblund leader Lampson had bungled badly. What he had imagined to be an inhibition of the single tax is no inhibition at all. It only makes two elections necessary to adopt the single tax where but one would have been required without it. The discovery of this blunder caused consternation in the haunts of special privilege. At once these interests began a campaign against the Initiative and Referendum on the ground of the worthlessness of the supposed inhibition. The columns of plutocratic papers were filled with appeals to ignorance and prejudice regarding the single tax. The farmers of the state were awarded the distinction of being made the favorite objects of these appeals. But it was all in vain. The Initiative and Referendum was overwhelmingly adopted. Monopolistic interests in Ohio today are sadder and wiser.

Socialists Compelled to Get Busy

"Who are those fellows over in the corner?"

"They are Socialists."

"They seem to be engaged in a very earnest discussion."

"Yes. I suppose they are trying to invent new theories of government."

"I thought they had plenty of new theories."

"They did have, but the rest of the people have caught up with them, so they've got to invent more in order to keep ahead."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Center W. C. T. U. Department Superintendents Named

The Center W. C. T. U. convened in regular session on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the home of Mrs. J. S. Crow, with the President and six members present.

After the opening exercises and roll call, a report of the point and member-contest which closed that day, was called for. The captians reported a gain of 10 new members and 531 points, jointly. This not been understood by all, and through instruction was given by the president. A report of the county convention at Rockford was given by Mrs. J. E. Williams, delegate. The leaflet, Why? was read and discussed, and the many reasons for belonging to the W. C. T. U. organizations were thoroughly reviewed. The president then appointed the following Departmental Superintendents for the coming year:

Sabbath School work—Mrs. Malissa Collins.

Social meetings—Mrs. May Miesse.

Anti Narcotic—Mrs. Leah Williams.

Flower Mission—Mrs. Earl Garwick.

Press work—Mrs. J. S. Crow.

Evangelistic work—Mrs. Cora Hankins.

Temperance literature—Mary Lewis.

A point and membership contest to close March 1, 1913 was then arranged under the former captains. The meeting then adjourned to meet October 10, at the home of Mrs. C. F. Lutz.

Piano Tuning and Repairing

Satisfaction guaranteed.

L. C. BARBER, professional piano tuner, will be in town again in a few days. Leave your orders as soon as possible at this office.

House and Lots For Sale

Two lots and seven-room house, 5 rooms down stairs and 2 up; abundance of shade and fruit; lots are all well tiled, good cistern, city water and gas. Property is in good condition, iocated in TouVelle addition, North Mill street. Call at Kistler& Myrenus grocery for full information. Price $1500.

L. N. YOUNGER.

For sale—A fine and well bred driving colt. Inquire at this office.

The largest and most complete stock of up-to-date fall millinery in the county will be shown at Mrs. Kate Ellis'. See her stock before you decide on your new head dress. Grand opening next Wednesday, Septemdes 25.

LUTHERANS TO HOLD MISSION FESTIVAL

At Fair-Grounds on 29th—Prominent Divines to Take Part in the Affair

The Lutheran Church congregation of Celina and Hopewell township will hold a joint mission festival at the Fair grounds, Sunday, the 29th. Services will be conducted both in the forenoon and afternoon, when prominent speakers will deliver sermons. The ladies of the Celina congregation will serve dinner on the grounds at a nominal fee.

THE GRIM REAPER

Carl, the little four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Creeden, Lisle street, died last Monday morning of meningitis, after an illness of only a couple of days.

Funeral services will be held at the Catholic Church this morning. Among the relatives here to attend the funeral are Mrs. George Fischer and Misses Idabelle and Julia Creeden, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. Frank Adair, of Munson, Arkansas.

Edward Clapper, aged 32, a blacksmith at Rossburg died at his home in that village Sunday night at 11:55 o'clock, of typhoid fever. The deceased was a life-long resident of Rossburg and was well known. The funeral services were held from his late home Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary E. Broerman, aged 77 years, a pioneer resident of Burkettsville, died at the home of her son, Henry, in that village Wednesday afternoon. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Besides the son mentioned above, three other children survive—Henry Broerman, of Toledo; Gerhard, in Texas, and Mrs. Henry Bruggeman, of Maria Stein. Funeral services will be held at the Catholic church at Burkettsville this morning.

Jacob Carter, aged 39 years, an inmate of the State hospital at Toledo for the past eighteen years, died Wednesday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Lieberick, seven miles west of this city. He was brought back home last Saturday in the last stages of consumption, which he contracted several years ago. Funeral services will be held at Center Chapel, Liberty township, this morning.

Common Pleas Court Matters

Judge Layton while holding court in this city last Friday, granted alimony to Ruth Swartz, during the pending of a suit of C. W. Swarts against Ruth Swarts, an action in divorce.

An order of sale was issued by Judge Layton in the case of Noah, A. D. and and Edwin Coates, as trustees of the Church of the Brethren vs. the members of said church.

The newly organized Celina ball team will play their first game next Sunday, when they meet the fast Lima Elnore's at at Mercerlina Park. This will be the first game in this city since the opening of the season when the Celina-St. Marys club met Wapak on the local diamond.

Special interest will be attached to the coming contest by the appearance of "Bruno" Betzel, the popular young infielder, who is just home from Bristol, Tenn., in the Southern League, where he finished a successful career and had the pleasure of winning a gold watch and chain in poplarity contest among the club members. Bruno stood highest in the favors of the fans. The local club will line-up about as follows: DeWeese catcher; Frederick, pitcher; Betz, first base; Tobin, second; Betzel, third; G. Meyers, short; C. Meyers, left field; Ellis, center; Weisser, right.

A. L. Bennett, the well known Franklin township school teacher, has turned his talents into other fields—that of auctioneering—as his card on another page of this paper will show. He has just finished a course of instruction in the Kansas City (Mo.) Auction School, and is perhaps the first graduate auctioneer in Mercer County. Being a young man of integrity and clean habits, he will no doubt make a success in that profession as he has in the school room.

Prof. Frank Lumb, who has been winding up his business affairs in Center township, leaves for Columbus to-day and will take up his duties at the State Institution for the Blind next week. He has succeeded in finding a position for another Mercer County boy at that institution, Blanchard Stoner being the latest, who gets the job of boys' supervisor.

Comrades D. H. Robinson, Jacob Adams and C. D. Work, of Rockford, were in this city Wednesday on their way to Wapakoneta to attend the annual reunion of their regiment, the 99th O. V. I.

Fred Fleck, of north-west of town was badly bruised up and narrowly escaped serious injury last Saturday morning, when his horse frightened on East Market street, and he was dragged almost half a square.

COMRADES TO GET PENSION CHECKS DIRECT FROM WASHINGTON

Uncle Sam's pensioners have received notices from the Pension Department at Washington advising them that after the first of the year and in accordance with the new pension law passed by Congress, there would no longer be the necessity to have their vouchers executed by notaries public or by federal or state court attaches. They are advised that vouchers will be entirely done away with and that when the new law goes into effect their checks will be sent to them direct from the department at Washington.

Elmer Miller, of Portland, Ind., has purchased the old Alspach livery barn on South Main street, of Julius Boesel, of New Bremen, who has had charge of the place for several months.

W. H. Tester has moved his second-hand store from the Wenning building on South main street to the Berning building, east of the Lake Erie, on East Livingston street.

Mrs. Kate Ellis announces next Wednesday, September 25, as the opening of the grand fall millinery season.

THE MULE

The mule has never run before
As he is running lately;
The exercise he got of yore
Appears to help him greatly.
At any rate he has a gait
That nothing else can follow,
And lead the race with all the grace
And seeming of a swallow.

A high place now and then is all
The mule is ever touching,
And riding him with out a fall
Requires some lively clutching.
The blowing Moose can't see the use
Of trying hard to beat him,
And they'll have to stray the other way,
In case they want to meet him.

You wouldn't know the quadruped
The party has been showing;
His ears are pointed straight ahead,
And his coat is sleek and glowing.
He puts up dustin such a gust
You cannot see behind him,
And the heckless Taft is too far aft
To ever hope to find him.

The mule is not a handsome brute,
Nor much of an attraction,
But the Democrat is hard to suit
Who does not like his action.
He makes the fence, to all intents,
A solid row of pickets,
And it isn't far until we are
All cashing in our tickets.

To be a Democrat and win
Must be a great sensation,
And when the coming vote is in
We'll have a celebration.
We'll fan the mule, 'till he is cool,
With other peoples money,
And raise a din for being in
The land of milk and honey.

—Clark McAdams.

Eagle Theater Changes Ownership

Chas. Shackney, of Redkey, Ind., was in this city last Monday and closed a deal for the purchase of the Eagle Theatre, West Market street, which he purchased from Vining, Randabaugh & Wagner.

Mr. Shackney being an old show man, and with Roy Steele still in the management of the place, will no doubt do credit to its well furnished room and progress rapidly.

AUTOMOBILE HITS OBSTRUCTION

On Reservoir Road, Doing Some Damage to Car and Shaking Up Occupants

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Becktel, of Batavia, O., had a narrow escape from injury last Tuesday when their automobile crashed into the telephone pole hung across the reservoir road at the waste weir, to block passage to wards this city, while the road is being improved. Mr. Becktel did not see the pole in sufficient time to stop his car, which crashed into the obstruction, badly damaging the front of the machine. The wind-shield was shattered and a piece of the glass cut an ugly gash in Mr. Becktel's left knee. An automobile from one of the local garages pulled the disabled car to this city, where it is being repaired. The Becktel's, who were enroute to Columbus Grove, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Current, East Livingston street, while the machine is being repaired.

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ADVANCING PRICES LEATHER AND SHOES

Increase of 10 to 20 per Ct. Wholesale Has Already Been Made—No Indication That Top Has Been Reached—Reduction in Hides the Big Factor.

BOSTON—The wholesale price of shoes has been advanced 10 to 20 per cent practically all over the country, the inevitable result of a further advance in the price of leather, and there is indication that the top has not yet been reached. There is practically no prospect of lower prices for hides. It is not so much a question of an absolute shortage as a lack of surplus of both hides and leather.

Beef soared to record prices, but has recently been easing off. With rising prices people curtailed their consumption of meat, perhaps 10 to 20 per cent, but this has not been true of leather, although the high cost has tended to make buying conservative. People can do without beef, but leather is a necessity for which there is no satisfactory substitute.

The slaughter of cattle at the chief packing centers for seven months has been 600,000 less than it was a year ago. This means a decrease 1,200,000 sides of leather so far this year. There has been a decrease of 6,000,000 head of cattle in this country in the last decade.

Both tanners and shoe manufacturers have done their utmost to stem the rising tide of prices all along the line. Tanners are even now not getting prices for leather commensurate with the cost of hides, and shoe manufacturers have advanced prices to retail dealers with much reluctance.

Tanners, shoe manufactureas and dealers are all against high prices. The head of a large leather house says: "I detest these high prices, but instead of growing easier the leather market is undeniably tending upward." Tanners are paying 19 cents for native steer hides, and there is no reason why packers cannot put them up to 21 cents. Where it will stop no one can tell.

Surplus stocks of leather have been well cleaned up the last year. You can't dig up bargains any more.

In Face of This, a Word to the Wise Should Be Enough

"Big Pete" Schunck says he has 28,000 pairs of shoes that he bought at last year's prices for this fall. These goods are all in, and will be sold at the old price as long as they last. It will pay you to come for many miles to get what you want—style, fit and wear at the old price.

In all my 40 years' experience as a retail shoe dealer in Mercer County, I have never known leather and shoes to be as high as they are now. In my opinion shoe manufacturers will have to make their shoes 50c to $1.00 poorer in quality or 50c to $1.00 higher in price. My advice to the public is to buy at once to save the raise. If you don't believe this, time will tell.

Where could you invest your money at 15 to 20 per cent on the dollar.

Think it over.

"BIG PETE" SCHUNCK, Celina, O.
Shoes 10c to $12.00.
Manufacturers' Distributing Store,
132 W. Fayette street.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS TO MEET AT FORT

In Two-Days' Convention Next Month—Noted Workers to Attend

The officers of the Mercer County Sunday-school association have announced a county convention to be held on October 1 and 2, at Ft. Recovery. Each Sunday-school in the county is entitled to four delegates and it is presumed a large number of Sunday-school workers will gather at the Fort. An interesting program is being arranged, including addresses by Mrs. Phebe Curtiss, of Columbus; Miss Hazel Lewis, of Indianapolis; Rev. Figley, of Lima; Rev. Yoder of Weston, and others.

YOUNG HUSTLERS LEAVE TOWN TO ACCEPT NEW POSITIONS

Alfred Reinhart, who for the past eight years, has been employed at the Olnhausen & Smith Jewelery store, has resigned his position and left Wednesday for Wapakoneta, where he accepts a job in the Jacobs Jewelery store.

Geo. Newcomb, who for some years past has been one of the popular clerks in the shoe department of the J. A. Roemer Co. stores, has resigned his position and left yesterday for Dayton, where he accepts a position in the Yunkes and Beiersdorfer restaurant.

T. J. Morehart, of Portland, Ind., drilled in a new gas well on the Pheman farm, a mile south of Coldwater, last Monday. The well showed a strong gas pressure before being shot.

A box social was held Saturday evening by the Y.P.B's. at the home of Mrs. C. F. Lutz attended by a large number of young people who are interested in the work.

Forty-six veteran survivors of the 46th Regiment O. V. I. attended the annual reunion held at Rockford Wednesday. The meeting proved to be a very enjoyable one, and a pleasing program was rendered at the opera house. The principle address was delivered by Rev. Jesse Swank, pastor of the First M. E. church at Van Wert.

The Neptune High School will give an ice-cream social at the town hall at that place to-morrow (Saturday) evening. All are invited.

Local Topics

Fall millinery opening at Borger sisters' next Wednesday, the 25th.

Grocer and Mrs. George Meyers, East Livingston street, are the proud parents of a twelve pound baby boy born last Tuesday.

A large display of 1912 fall millinery will be shown at the Borger sisters' store, North Main street. Fall opening, Wednesday, September 25.

The ladies aid society of the M. E. Church will meet this afternoon with Mesdames Jennie McDaniel and Richard Watts at the church parlors.

Little Agnes Hemmert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hemmert, had an ugly gash cut in her forehead and her nose badly bruised up, when she fell, while playing on the Parochial school grounds. It required seven stiches to close the wound on the forehead.

Geo. A. Petrie and family are moving into a part of the old Kloeb home, North Main street. They will occupy the half vacated by Mrs. Kloeb and her mother, who will spend the winter at Columbus, with her son, Frank. The Billman home on East Livingston, vacated by the Petries will be occupied by Manager H. D. Pierce, of the Celina Mfg. Co.

The J. A. Long Poultry company moved into their handsome new three-story packing house, on East Warren street, this week.

While things are not entirely straightened up at the new building Mr. Moore was anxious to get out of their old dilapidated quarters on Fayette street, and is putting things in trim at the new building which is the finest of its kind in this section of the state.

To Select Trustees Next Tuesday Night

The Beaver Creek Cemetery Association will meet at that church next Tuesday evening, the 24th, to select two cemetery trustees. The meeting is called for 7 o'clock.

Grand Fall millinery opening at Mrs. Kate Ellis' next Wednesday, September 25.

PERSONAL GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Kraner, of Cloverdale, Oregon, are here for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Henry Schaeper, of Cincinnati, visited with J. H. Gast and family, in this city Wednesday, while on her way to Maria Stein, for a visit with relatives and friends.

Wilmer Hooper and family, of Rockford, have moved into part of the old David Howick property on North Main street.

Mrs. Wm. Black, of New Straitsville, is a guest at the home of Deputy Recorder Clyde Thomas.

Gustave Beutelspacher, of Canton, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. H. J. Smith, East Livingston street.

Aloys Shafferling, of Piqua, is here for several weeks' visit with his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Schlosser.

Comrades John F. McGee, of this city, J. A. Doner and Milton Schroyer, of Washington township, were at Lima, Wednesday in attendance at the annual reunion of the 18th Regiment O. V. I.

Misses Clara and Annarose Stock, of St. Louis, are here for a visit with Misses Victoria and Pauline Lennartz.

The ladies aid society of the Presbyterian Church will be entertained this afternoon by Mrs. E. J. Townsend, at the A. W. Fishbaugh residence, East Livingston street.

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