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TAFFY FOR THE COUNCIL

While taxes are high in Decatur, and our indebtedness is beyond the one hundred thousand dollars figure, yet it is well to know that we have a council who realize that the way to reduce a debt is to pay it. The payment of over thirteen thousand dollars in one year, and that too, against adverse and trying conditions, shows that the city officials are determined to permanently reduce the liabilities of our city, and later on to lift the burden of high taxes from the people.

After at least another year and another hole in our bonded debt, taxes can be materially reduced and Decatur placed upon a solid financial basis.

Such a time and such a condition will greatly aid in making Decatur numerically larger and commercially greater. While there are many improvements under way, yet high taxes sadly interfere with many more that are contemplated. This is most noticeable in the building of more houses. These houses are needed for the accommo-

dation of added population in our factories. Fifty houses could be rented within the next sixty days, yet not a move is being made to supply the demand. The high tax rate and the extravagant prices asked for building material and labor is responsible for a condition that is really serious. A high tax rate is not permanent, a fact that our monied people should consider, especially after the object lesson furnished of the past year. The council are to be congratulated for their efforts in helping to make still better the best little city under the sun.

BROOKSIDE FARM

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this evening at her home on Eighth street.

The social which was given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church last night, at the home of Mrs. Henry Winnes, was not such a success as expected on account of the weather, which as every one knows, was cold and unpleasant. Although the ones who did go, had a general good time and dainty refreshments were served.

Another church social of yesterday was held at the home of Mrs. D. W. Berry, on north Fifth street. A good program was rendered and refreshments were served.

A very impromptu affair was given last evening in honor of Will Ruckman by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knodel at their home in the south part of the city, to a number of young people. The evening was spent in games and music and at a late hour a three course luncheon was served in the dining room, which was prettily decorated with cut flowers. Those who enjoyed the event were: Misses Edith Dean, Tottie Hildenbrand, Edith Cook, Ethel Hildenbrand, Maggie Roop, May Elzey, Annetta Dean, Messrs. Frank Mann, Charles Cook, Will Ruckman, Dave Cool.

LOST THE FIRST

Quakers Again Crowd Into First Place

THOUGH LOCALS OUTHIT THEM

Large Crowd Saw Battle Between the Leaders—Van Wert and Bluffton Won.

GAMES TODAY.

Richmond at Decatur.

Kokomo at Bluffton.

Portland at Van Wert.

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

Richmond 4; Decatur 1.

Bluffton 3; Kokomo 2.

Van Wert 7; Portland 3.

STANDING.	WON.	LOST.	PCT.
Decatur	20	16	55.5
Richmond	20	16	55.5
Portland	17	17	50.0
Kokomo	18	18	50.0
Van Wert	16	18	47.5
Bluffton	15	21	41.7

Twelve hits and one little lonesome run for the Decatur champs yesterday against the "Pets" from Richmond, proves that base ball dope is mighty hard to figure. No one was to blame, but we just couldn't win. Cause why? Cause that would have put us too far ahead. Umpire Arundel was a little off color on balls and strikes, but his decisions were not costly and in no way lost or won the game. The visitors got their first run in the first inning, when Ritter walked and scored on a hit by Weaver. In the second they took three more on three singles, a sacrifice, and Jessup's two baggers.

The locals got their one in the first when Pierce laid one up against the left field fence for two bases and scored when Tommy Ritter dropped Burns' short fly. The game was interesting and both sides did good work after the second inning. The score:

R. H. E.
Richmond 1 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 10 1
Decatur 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 12 2
Batteries—Horn and Jessup; Alberts and Quinn.
Richmond.

AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Ritter, If 3	1	0	1	0	1
Jessup, c 5	0	1	5	0	0
Weaver, cf 5	0	2	4	0	0
Carlins, ss 4	0	0	2	3	0
Hicks, 1b 4	0	1	10	1	0
Mintzer, 2b 4	1	1	2	3	0
Gardner, rf 3	0	1	0	0	0
Fisher, 2b 4	1	1	2	3	0
Horn, p 4	1	3	1	3	0
Totals 36	4	10	27	12	1

Decatur.

AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Cullen, 3b 5	0	1	3	3	0
Pierce, rf 4	1	3	0	0	1
Witham, 1b 4	0	0	10	0	0
Burns, If 4	0	1	1	1	0
Wallace, ss 4	0	2	5	2	0
Behringer, 2b 4	0	1	1	1	0
Johnson, cf 4	0	2	1	0	0
Quinn, c 3	0	0	5	0	0
Winger 1	0	1	0	0	0
Alberts, p 3	0	1	1	4	1
Way ** 1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 36	1	12	27	11	2

*Batted for Quinn in 9th inning.

**Batted for Alberts in 9th inning.

Summary:

Two base hits—Pierce, Jessup and Burns. Bases on balls—Off Alberts 2. Left on bases—Decatur 8; Richmond 8. Struck out—By Alberts 4; by Horn 4. Passed ball—Tuinn. Time—1:25. Umpire—Arundel. Attendance 500.

NOTICE.

I will make cider every Tuesday and Friday, until further notice. P. Krisch.

216-1f

PORTLAND

VS.

DECATUR

AT

GENEVA

Nezt MONDAY Afternoon

BIG EXHIBITION GAME

roco Rooters are wanted from Decatur. Game called at 2:30 p.m. G. R. & I. train leaves here at 1:19 and returns at 5:15.

Don't Miss This Holiday

IN MEMORY OF REV. DURLING B. RECKARD.

It is a fact that should impress every thinking mind, that the acts of men are being self recorded. That is, the history of every man is being indelibly impressed upon the pages of time to be read after his death. View it as we may, no person will leave the pages of life blank, as regards his history, whether of honor or dishonor.

How sad to read the history of dishonor, that of such persons who have always been opposed to the nobler principles of life. But what pleasure to read the history of honor, such as that of a Washington, a Luther, and hosts of others of noble minds and virtuous actions. And thus our departed brother has left to us an impress of his life upon a page which we now attempt to write.

Time and space will not permit us to give the minute details of his life, but he possessed a few characteristics of which we especially wish to speak.

Durling Brayton Reckard was born in Rutland county, Vermont, August 6, 1837, and died at his home in Decatur, Ind., August 26, 1907, aged 70 years and 20 days. At the age of four years his father died, and his mother was left to care for a family of five children, four sons and one daughter.

At the age of ten years, he entered a factory and held his position for several years, helping to support his widowed mother. His educational advantages were somewhat limited at that time.

After leaving the factory he took up the occupation of farming, and attending the public schools when convenient to do so. He took one course at Franklin college. At the age of 24 years he enlisted in Co. C, 34th Indiana Infantry, Sept. 21, 1861, at South Whitley, Ind., and was mustered out Sept. 21, 1864. During his three years service he was with his command and participated in all its battles and marches. He was in the battle of Champion Hill, Mississippi, and the entire siege and capture of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Those of his comrades that served with him spoke of him as being an exceptionally good soldier. At the age of thirty years he entered the Baptist ministry. At this time he was a member of the First Baptist church of South Whitley, Ind., and was ordained by this church. He continued in the active work until about two years ago, when on account of failing health, he was forced to resign, which was a great trial to him as he loved to labor for the master. He was a good soldier of Jesus Christ, no higher tribute can be given any one. Intellectually he was far above the average.

His first pastorate consisted of three churches, namely, Monmouth, Pleasant Mills and Willshire. Each being a Baptist church. These churches prospered under his labors and having completed his work there, he took charge of Decatur church. He was later called to work in Long Pine, Neb., from which place he returned subsequently to Haveland, Ohio. Following this work he became pastor of Oswego church and served for two years. After completing his work at this place he became pastor of Larwell church, which proved to be his final charge.

For the past three years he has made his home at Decatur, Ind. On the 6th day of October, 1901, he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy A. Bates. This union continued until her death, March 6, 1906. June 18, 1907, he was again united in marriage to Margaret V. Hill, of Pleasant Mills, Ind., who now survives and deeply mourns her loss. Brother Reckard was a man of strong convictions, always standing firm for the principles of right, and when you had gained his confidence you could rely upon him as a true friend. There was no task too hard for him to do for those he loved. By his kind words and counsel he has cheered and comforted many a sad heart, always looking on the bright side of life. He was a patient sufferer during his sickness of over three weeks, when at times his sufferings were so intense he was resigned; and when asked if he thought he would get well, he said sometimes he felt impressed that this was his last sickness, but he said it was all right; what God does is all right. He said to the loved ones at his side, now we will leave it all in the divine hands. On Sunday afternoon the day previous to his death, with such earnestness and anxiety he said to his companion "I want to go home; I want to go home." He could hardly wait. Some time before his death he put his most beautiful thoughts into a poem, entitled "This Soul of Mine" which was read at his funeral.

Services were held at the Baptist church on Thursday, August 29th, conducted by Rev. J. H. Winans, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, and assisted by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Bergman, other ministers being present at the services, which was largely attended. He was laid to rest in beautiful Maplewood cemetery. Besides his wife, he leaves one brother and many other relatives to mourn their loss of such a noble man. Oh, if such men could live always. Of the relatives, those that attended the funeral from a distance were Mrs. Lucy Cray, of Ohio City; Mr. William Hill, of Pleasant Mills, Ind., and Mr. W. A. Laman, of Delphos, Ohio, a very near and dear friend of the deceased, and a host of other sympathizing friends and neighbors, who deplore their loss. We can say with the poet, his rests from his labors and his works do follow him. He fought a good fight and has won the prize.

Notice to Ben Hurs.

All members are requested to attend on Friday evening. Business of importance will be discussed. Ladies drill team and regular degree team are urged to be present for drill practice.

L. L. BAUMGARTNER, 215-2t Chief.

AT THE BOSSE THEATER.

Two Good Shows are Scheduled for Decatur.

L. L. BAUMGARTNER, 215-2t Chief.

The memorable duel scene in "Monte Cristo," as well as such climaxes as "The World is Mine," will be irresistible magnets for the Bosse Opera House, Decatur, Indiana, Saturday, September the 14th. The duel scene in this production was introduced by Eugene Moore, who presented the play with great success in all the leading cities and it is an exact reproduction as possible of the most thrilling combat that ever took place on a field of honor, the meeting of Del French and Chateau Renaud in the Fontainebleau Forest, near Paris. It is a deadly duel with all details closely following the historical combat as described by Benjamin D'Isreali.

The pair of kids at the Bosse Opera House, Monday, September 9, from all reports are a lively pair, and are ably assisted by a competent company of ladies and gentlemen, as are all such high class companies presenting rural comedies. These companies should not be confounded with the coarse and vulgar farmer plays that have been touring the country for years and whose principal merit is a noisy brass band. The later day rural play is a pleasing homespun affair presented by a cast of intelligent people and framed in a natural rural atmosphere such as we have all at some time in our lives been familiar with. "A Pair of Country Kids" is of the better class and will please the old and young, and is a real novelty in many respects, and we can assure the patrons of the Bosse Opera House that they will surely get their money's worth in watching the antics of the kids for two hours and a half.

LOST—Twenty-six dollars in paper money. Finder return to this office and receive reward.

FARMS FOR SALE

We have some great bargains. If you are in the market for a farm come in and see us. Here are a few of our bargains: 100 acres, close to town, good 5-room house, fair barn, soil sandy loam, good well with wind pump, wagon shed, and corn crib; fairly well fenced and drained, nearly all under cultivation. Price, \$60 per acre. 40 acres,