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MODERN SERVICE

Will Begin Next Week—
Managed by the Decatur
Packing Company.

REFRIGERATOR CAR

To Be Used Over Interurban
Lines to Reach Surround-
ing Cities.

The following from the Bluffton Banner shows the manner in which the progressive methods of the Decatur Packing company is received:

A representative of the Decatur Packing company, one of the largest of the independent firms of the kind in the state, was in the city this forenoon and to the local grocers and the butchers announced that, beginning some time next week his company would inaugurate an innovation that cannot fail to gain approval.

A refrigerator car, exactly similar to the ones used by the trust companies to transport their meats from Chicago and other cities to the smaller towns, with the exception that it is equipped with motors and built to be run over interurban lines, is being built. It is the plan of the company to load the car at the Decatur plant each Monday morning with enough of their wares to supply a week's trade in several cities, and, under a contract they now have signed with the Fort Wayne and Springfield, the Fort Wayne and Wabash Valley, the M. B. and E. and the Indiana Union traction companies, will operate a regular service with the car.

Leaving Decatur Monday morning the car will run to Fort Wayne, supply the trade there, come to Bluffton and visit in succession Marion, Peru, Logansport, Kokomo, Wabash and Huntington, returning Saturday night to Decatur. At present one trip a week will be sufficient to supply all the customers but the company believes that if the retailers of meats appreciate the quick service as they should it will not be long before several cars will be brought into use.

A VERY SAD DEATH

Miss Verna Davis, a Popular Young Lady, the Victim of Tuberculosis.

FUNERAL ON SUNDAY

Had Been Ill Several Months but Was Able to Be up and Enjoy Christmas.

Miss Verna Davis, aged twenty-three years, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Davis, who resides near the St. Paul church, died Friday morning about five o'clock after an illness of several months duration, death resulting from that dread disease consumption. Miss Davis was taken ill during the later part of the summer with the white plague, but informed her parents that she fully expected to live until after Christmas and on that eventful day she was up and around and enjoyed herself immensely. However, the next day she took bed, and her decline was rapid and Friday morning death relieved. She was a popular young lady in the community in which she resided, and was well known in this city and her friends were innumerable. The funeral services will be conducted Sunday morning at the St. Paul church at ten o'clock and interment will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

N. A. Loch informed us this morning that he was endeavoring to organize a city band to be composed of the younger element. He has secured twelve boys to date and wants a few more. The first rehearsal will take place Monday and a time will then be fixed for the regular rehearsal nights.

Mr. Loch is a competent leader and will no doubt make a success out of the organization. Any boy desiring to join should make his wants known to Mr. Loch at once.

CHICAGO UNLUCKY FOR KALVER
His Son Roy Received Broken Leg on
New Year's Day.

Isadore Kalver returned last evening from Chicago, where he had been visiting for several weeks with relatives and friends. His wife and children were forced to remain in Chicago owing to the fact that his eldest son Roy, on New Year's day slipped and broke his leg, while playing upon the sidewalk. The break was a bad one and may detain Mrs. Kalver in Chicago for some time. The little chap was quite plucky and made no outcry, while the break was being set. Chicago seems to be a very unlucky place for Mr. Kalver for it seems that every time he visits there something happens to his family.

HEARD FROM HOME

Currency Legislation is to Be Pushed by Congress.

REPAIR POSTOFFICE

Divided as to Attack on Railroads—Eleventh District.

Washington, January 4.—The Republican leaders in congress may hurry up currency legislation. Senators and representatives who went home for the holidays are coming back with a message to the effect that the people of the country, particularly the business men, are aroused on the subject of currency legislation. In substance, the message brought back is that unless the party in power takes hold of the currency question in an intelligent and aggressive way—unless it shall enact satisfactory legislation—it can hardly hope to receive the endorsement of the people at the polls next fall. The temper of the talk of the returning members promises to stir the leaders to action. Apparently they had not suspected that public sentiment was so pronounced on this subject.

Washington, January 4.—Out of the \$100,000 appropriation for the remodeling and extension of the South Bend postoffice building there is now available a balance of \$68,000. The difference between the lowest bid and the amount of money on hand is \$10,000, and supervising architect Taylor is now figuring on how to spend this money in erecting the building. He is going to ask several of the bidders to figure on the difference between building the columns on one end of the building out of stone instead of wood, as the present plans and specifications call for. He is of the opinion the change can be made with the money on hand.

Washington, January 4.—Some of the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission are very much opposed to the plan of the president and Attorney-General Bonaparte to attack the Harriman railroad merger in court at this time. Chairman Knapp is outspoken in opposition to the proposed suit. He doubts if such a suit could succeed and even if the government did win it, he does not believe the roads could be segregated. From information which came to light today, it seems that after all the administration may not institute the suit. Protests from many sources against the proposed action have been received.

Washington, January 4.—George B. Lockwood, the vice-president's secretary, has returned from Indiana, where he went to look over the congressional situation in the Eleventh district. He has not yet made up his mind as to whether he will announce his candidacy for the Republican nomination of congress in the district. His friends here believe he will eventually enter the race.

The high school teachers who have been spending their vacation with various friends and relatives are returning to Decatur to resume their regular duties Monday, when the schools will open again for another term.

Joe Johnson, the well known farmer, who was injured last week by being run over by a wagon loaded with coal, is reported as being much improved.

SHOWED TEMPER

Rockfield School Teacher Calls Down Mr. Hastings at Public Meeting.

OLD MAID BY CHOICE

Admitted She Was Fair and Forty, but Said She Could Marry if She Wanted to.

Delphi, Ind., Jan. 3.—That the year 1908, being a leap year, offers a solution of the "old maid" problem among the membership of the Daughters of Rebekah in Indiana, is the assertion of Miss Ethie Forsey, 40, of Rockfield, near here. Miss Forsey, a school teacher and a member of the Rebekah lodge, took occasion to offer a rather caustic rebuke to Grand Master E. E. Hastings, of the Indiana I. O. O. F. at a school gathering last night, ending a day of celebration in honor of the grand master and Mrs. Louise Langpahr, president of the Rebekah assembly.

"In all my travels and visit among Rebekah lodges in Indiana," said Mr. Hastings in an informal address, "I have never found an old maid who was a member of the order." Laughter, accompanied by many crimson blushes among the assemblage of Rebekah "sisters" greeted the remark, for the gathering was liberally sprinkled with maidens known to have passed the arbitrarily appointed age limit for marriageable females. Scarcely had the grand master resumed his seat when Miss Forsey rose to her feet.

"I wish to dispute the statement of the grand master," she snapped. "I am an old maid and I am not ashamed of it. I am 40 years old and I can point to a good many other old maidens in the room who would not have to be old maidens unless they chose."

BOARD CHILDREN'S GUARDIANS

All members of the board of children's guardians are requested to be present at their meeting to be held at the library, Monday afternoon at four o'clock. This is the first meeting of the year and it is important that every member attend.

OUTLINES POLICY

Mayor Kenney, of Celina, Promises a Reform Administration.

IS KNOWN HERE

Says Saloon Keepers Must Obey the Law to the Letter—Evils Must Go.

Celina, Ohio, Jan. 3.—Mayor P. E. Kenney in assuming his duties of office at the first meeting of the new council Thursday night, outlined his policy with plainness and emphasis.

A reform administration is promised Celina and officers must do their duty under the new regime, which means cleaner, as well as greater, Celina. Mr. Kenney said that certain evils which tend to demoralize should be eradicated. Among these are the Sunday saloon, wine rooms, bawdy houses, slot machines and other forms of gambling, and the pernicious custom of permitting minors to frequent saloons.

"As mayor I shall consider it my duty to suppress these evils, in so far as my power goes, and I now remind officers whose duty it shall be to apprehend offenders, that due significance must be given to the will of the people. Saloons must be closed on Sunday, and at 10 o'clock in the evening of week days, and wine rooms, bawdy houses, slot machines and other gambling must be suppressed and minors kept out of the saloons."

Mr. Kenney has numerous relatives in this city and county.

A number of the local bowlers are contemplating going to Fort Wayne to attend the bowling tournament. Decatur has a number of excellent bowlers and they are all confident of making a creditable showing and to return with some of the prize money offered.

WILL ASSUME DUTIES SOON

Walter Johnson Will Soon Receive Commission.

Walter Johnson, of Monroe, who recently was appointed postmaster at that place, is busily engaged arranging the building in which his store is located for the purpose of putting in the necessary conveniences for the postoffice. As stated before, Mr. Johnson received the appointment through Senator Beveridge, and he was supposed to begin duties the first day of the year, but owing to the fact that there was some delay in sending in his bond, the commission has not as yet arrived. He will, however, begin duties as soon as his commission arrives. Mr. Johnson is receiving many congratulations upon his appointment and the people of Monroe are assured of good service with this hustling young man in charge of the mail.

THE PEDRO GAME

Furnished a Delightful Evening for the Y. M. H. D. Club.

A LINEN SHOWER

Miss Boyers Entertained A. H. C. Club—Menu-ates Gave Dinner.

By Perle Burdg.

Progressive pedro was the exciting feature of the evening at the meeting of the Y. M. H. D. club, which was held at the home of Miss Leona Harting, last evening. Two small tables were used and twelve games were played, at which Misses Georgia Meibers and Clara Boknecht won the leading prizes. At the close of the evening, the tables were cleared and a two course luncheon was served the members who were: Misses Clara Boknecht, Marie Tonnerre, Georgia Meibers, Elizabeth Knappe, Bertha Knappe. The outside guests were Mrs. Ed Harting, Mrs. C. Vogt, Miss Dora Gast, of Lima, Ohio.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Fred Snyder, of north Ninth street Friday afternoon. Promptly at two o'clock the meeting commenced, and during the business period, they decided to hold a social on January 21st at the home of Mrs. Harvey Lee, of Monroe street, during the evening hours. It proved to be one of the best meetings that they have had this winter. At the social hour dainty refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held in two weeks at the home of Mrs. Cyrus Weaver on north Fifth street.

Miss Bessie Boyers was hostess at the meeting of the A. H. C. club last evening at her home on Third street. Games and music were the main amusements of the evening. Dainty refreshments were served the guests who were: Misses Mildred Minch, of Fort Wayne; Lucile Cusac, Leota Bailey, Jean Lutz, Frances Dugan, Inez Snellen, Marie Boknecht, Ada Murray, Helen Niblick, Harriet Morrison.

The Menu-Ates gave an elegant six o'clock dinner at the home of Miss Pansy Bell last evening in honor of two of the members who will leave for Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 6th. After the dinner the girls attended the Crystal theater and had a general good time. The outside guests were: Misses Frances Dugan, Mildred Winch, of Fort Wayne; Florence Kunkle, of Monmouth.

A linen shower was given by Mrs. Harry Dean and Mrs. R. B. Allison at the home of the latter on Allison street yesterday afternoon in compliment to Miss Kittie Christen. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in a social manner and at the last, Miss Christen opened the many packages and read the little sentences which they contained written by the givers. An elegant two course luncheon was served. The guests were: Mesdames N. K. Todd, Ellen Dailey and Del Locke, of Bluffton; Mrs. Etta Rosebaugh, of Huntington; Mrs. Fred Mackie, of Birmingham, Ala.; Mesdames Chas. Niblick, W. A. Kuebler, Dick Christen, Doll Dirkins, C. A.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

W. H. ECKROTE FATALLY ILL.
Former Resident Here is Dying at Marion.

The LeMay Case May Be Again Continued—Set for Wednesday.

DEMURERS ARGUED

In Several Cases—Demurer Argued in Frank Barthel's Case.

In the case of Charles McConnell vs Florence Griner et al, replevin suit from Jay county, the plaintiff filed a reply in three paragraphs to the second paragraph of defendant's answer.

Clayton Williams vs. Reuben Clark, suit on note, \$140, answer in three paragraphs filed, rule to reply.

Old Adams County Bank vs. John H. Yager et al, suit to foreclose lien, motion to make third paragraph of complaint more specific was overruled; defendant ruled to answer, absolute, within five days.

Daniel B. Ford vs. Smith Shoemaker et al, damages \$4,000; demurer to complaint overruled.

A demurer to answer was argued in the case of Frank H. Barthel vs. Henry E. Keller, a \$5,000 damage suit.

It is said an effort will again be made to secure a continuance in the LeMay rape case, set for trial next Wednesday.

J. F. Lehman, administrator of the Daniel Sprunger estate, filed a petition to sell personal property at private sale and said petition granted. Sale reported and approved.

Valentine Grim, admr. of Christopher Grim estate, filed a sale bill which was approved.

The Laisure damage suit for alienating Miri Laisure's wife's affections, set for Monday, has been continued until the next term.

TURNED HIM DOWN

A Mail Order Customer Asked for Credit, but Was Refused.

MAY PROVE LESSON

Wanted His Shoes on Time, . . . Though He Had Been Paying Cash by Mail.

A well known Adams county farmer living within gunshot of this city, had a little experience today with Decatur merchants that he will not soon forget and which in the end may prove to be a pretty fair lesson. The farmer stepped into one of the shoe stores and asked to see some shoes. He tried on several pairs before he was satisfied and then said that he guessed he would take them. The shoes were accordingly tied up and handed to the farmer, who said he would pay in two weeks. The proprietor of the store stated that he could not trust him at which the farmer took offense and asked why. The proprietor promptly replied for the past several months you have been dealing with Sears, Roebuck and Co., of Chicago, and to them you have been sending your cash and now you ask us to carry you on our books. We are just as good as the above named firm and when you tender the cash you can have the shoes. The farmer admitted dealing with the Chicago firm but left the store quite angry. He then went to every shoe store in the city, but met with the same reception and in consequence he returned home without the shoes.

The stand taken by the merchant is all right as they are compelled to back up their sales with a guarantee, while you purchase away from home you sometimes buy a pig in the sack and there is no remedy to alter the same. In the long run it pays to deal with the home merchant.

INTERURBAN CAR WAS LATE.

Engine at Power House Broke Down—Theater Party Disappointed.

A number of Decatur people who went to Fort Wayne last evening to attend the play at the Majestic theater and who expected to make the return trip on the interurban, were doomed to disappointment and were forced to take the Grand Rapids home, as the last car on the interurban was held up from ten o'clock until four this morning the result of the engine at the power house running hot and they were forced to shut the plant down. The car, however, made the trip and returned this morning, arriving in Decatur at 4:10 a. m. The party of Decatur people were sadly disappointed over the turn of affairs as they did not arrive home until two o'clock. At the present time the machinery at the power house seems to be giving the management considerable trouble.

IT'S MARTIAL LAW

Muncie Now in Charge of the Militia—Eight Companies Report.

NO CARS RUNNING

Quietest Day Since Opening—Sympathizers at Marion Quit Jobs.

Muncie, Ind., January 4.—(Special)—Under orders from Governor Hanly, this city was today placed under martial law. The police worn out, were inadequate to protect the lives and property of Muncie residents and the officials believed it to be the best interests of all concerned to accept the proffered aid from the militia. Eight companies, four from Indianapolis, arrived here at seven o'clock this morning and immediately took possession of the city. Besides the soldiers, 250 extra police are on duty. The street car tracks were torn up in various parts of the city and a few riots occurred.

Today all is quiet and there are more people up town than any day since the strike began. There was no attempt to run cars today and no violence has been reported.

Bluffton, Ind., January 4.—(Special)—Six detectives were sent to this city yesterday, but Mayor Hamilton refused to recognize their rights and they left last night. They had been ordered here to guard the company's property. An unknown sympathizer hurled a stone through one of the cars just as it was leaving here at ten o'clock last night.

Marion, Ind., January 4.—(Special)—Twenty-seven motormen and conductors here quit last night, in sympathy with the Muncie strikers. All cars are running on schedule time and there is no excitement here.

POULTRY SHOW NEXT WEEK.

Deserves the Support of Everybody—Don't Miss It.

The people of Decatur and Adams county should remember the poultry show. Such events are conducive of great good to a community. The success helps to advertise us. Let's make it the success to which the efforts of the association officers entitle it. Mr. Gault, of Sycamore, Ohio, is the judge and the big event will be conducted in a business like manner.

BIDS ON THE TEEPEE DITCH.

Gabriel Everhart Was Low Bidder on Whole Ditch.

The Henry I. Teepee ditch was let today at the office of County Surveyor Baumgartner. There were five bidders as follows: A. A. Roebuck, Sec. 1, \$240 Sec. 2, \$250 Sec. 3, \$175, as a whole \$649. J. C. Cowan, Sec. 1, \$179. Gabriel Everett, Sec. 1, \$175, Sec. 2, \$158, Sec. 3, \$164, as a whole \$495. W. J. Hook, as a whole, \$7