

## 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 fore-  
noon 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 com-  
panies 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, Lo-  
gansport, Kokomo, Wabash and Hun-  
tington, returning Saturday night to  
Decatur. At present one trip a week  
will be sufficient to supply all the cus-  
tomers 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 Pop-  
ular Young Lady, the Vic-  
tim 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 re-  
sulting from that dread disease con-  
sumption. 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-  
fast and her decline was rapid and  
Friday morning death relieved. She  
was a popular young lady in the com-  
munity 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 morn-  
ing that he was endeavoring to orga-  
nize 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 even-  
ing from Chicago, where he had been  
visiting for several weeks with rela-  
tives and friends. His wife and chil-  
dren 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. Chi-  
cago seems to be a very unlucky place  
for Mr. Kalver for it seems that every  
time he visits there something hap-  
pens 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 Re-  
publican leaders in congress may hur-  
ry up currency legislation. Senators  
and representatives who went home  
for the holidays are coming back with  
a message to the effect that the peo-  
ple of the country, particularly the  
business men, are aroused on the sub-  
ject of currency legislation. In sub-  
stance, the message brought back is  
that unless the party in power takes  
hold of the currency question in an  
intelligent and aggressive way—un-  
less it shall enact satisfactory legis-  
lation—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 prom-  
ises to stir the leaders to action.  
Apparently they had not suspected  
that public sentiment was so pro-  
nounced on this subject.

Washington, January 4.—Out of the  
\$100,000 appropriation for the remodel-  
ing 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 spec-  
ifications call for. He is of the opin-  
ion the change can be made with the  
money on hand.

Washington, January 4.—Some of  
the members of the Interstate Com-  
merce 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 pro-  
posed suit. He doubts if such a suit  
could succeed and even if the gov-  
ernment did win it, he does not be-  
lieve the roads could be segregated.  
From information which came to light  
today, it seems that after all the ad-  
ministration may not institute the suit.  
Protests from many sources against  
the proposed action have been receiv-  
ed.

Washington, January 4.—George B.  
Lockwood, the vice-president's sec-  
retary, 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 candi-  
dacy 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 var-  
ious friends and relatives are return-  
ing to Decatur to resume their regular  
duties Monday, when the schools will  
open again for another term.

Joel 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 solu-  
tion of the "old maid" problem among  
the membership of the Daughters of  
Rebekah in Indiana, is the assertion  
of Miss Ethie Forgey, 40, of Rockfield,  
near here, Miss Forgey, 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, end-  
ing 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 ar-  
bitrarily appointed age limit for mar-  
riageable females. Scarcely had the  
grand master resumed his seat when  
Miss Forgey 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 maids  
in the room who would not have to be  
old maids unless they chose."

## BOARD CHILDREN'S GUARDIANS

All members of the board of chil-  
dren'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 meet-  
ing of the year and it is important  
that every member attend.

## OUTLINES POLICY

Mayor Kenney, of Celina,  
Promises a Reform Ad-  
ministration.

## IS KNOWN HERE

Says Saloon Keepers Must  
Obey the Law to the Let-  
ter—Evils Must Go.

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

A reform administration is prom-  
ised Celina and officers must do their  
duty under the new regime, which  
means cleaner, as well as greater, Ce-  
lina. Mr. Kenney said that certain  
evils which tend to demoralize should  
be eradicated. Among these are the  
Sunday saloon, win rooms, bawdy  
houses, slot machines and other forms  
of gambling, and the pernicious cus-  
tom 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 ap-  
prehend offenders, that due signifi-  
cance must be given to the will of the  
people. Saloons must be closed on  
Sunday, and at 10 o'clock in the even-  
ing of week days, and wine rooms,  
bawdy houses, slot machines and other  
gambling must be suppressed and min-  
ors 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 arrang-  
ing 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 ar-  
rives. 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 Ev-  
ening for the Y. M. H.  
D. Club.

## A LINEN SHOWER

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

By Perle Burd.

Progressive pedro was the exciting  
feature of the evening at the meet-  
ing 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 Tonneller, 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 en-  
tertained 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 meet-  
ings 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 Cusack, Leota  
Bailey, Jean Lutz, Frances Dugan,  
Inez Snellen, Marie Boknecht, Ada  
Murray, Helen Niblick, Harriet Mor-  
rison.

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 Deam and Mrs. R. B. Allison  
at the home of the latter on Adams  
street yesterday afternoon in com-  
pliment to Miss Kittle 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 giver.  
An elegant two course luncheon was  
served. The guests were: Mesdames  
N. K. Todd, Ellen Dalley and Del  
Locke, of Bluffton; Mrs. Etta Rose-  
baugh, of Huntington; Mrs. Fred  
Macke, of Birmingham, Ala.; Mes-  
dames Chas. Niblick, W. A. Kuebler,  
Dick Christen, Doll Dirkins, C. A.

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## COURT HOUSE NEWS

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

## DEMURERS ARGUED

In Several Cases—Demurer  
Argued in Frank Bar-  
thel'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 sec-  
ond paragraph to 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 com-  
plaint 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 Christo-  
pher Grim estate, filed a sale bill  
which was approved.

The Laisure damage suit for alienat-  
ing Mirl Laisure's wife's affections,  
set for Monday, has been continued  
until the next term.

## TURNED HIM DOWN

A Mail Order Customer Ask-  
ed 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 satis-  
fied and then said that he guessed he  
would take them. The shoes were ac-  
cordingly 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 ev-  
ery 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 merchants is  
all right as they are compelled to back  
up their sales with a guarantee, while  
when 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.

## W. H. ECKROTE FATALLY ILL.

Former Resident Here is Dying at  
Marion.

J. A. Eckrote, of Geneva, passed  
through here this morning on his way  
to Marion, where he will be at the  
bedside of his brother, W. H. Eckrote,  
who is in a hopeless condition, having  
suffered for nearly one year with  
dropsy. It was not known until about  
three months ago that he was the vic-  
tim of the disease, but since then ev-  
erything known to medical science has  
been done, without avail and it is the  
consensus of opinion that he has but  
a short time to live. He is well  
known in this vicinity having lived  
in this county in former years. Mr.  
Eckrote has been operated on nine dif-  
ferent times since he has been ill  
and his condition is regarded as ex-  
tremely serious. Dr. H. E. Keller, of  
this city now has the case.

## LECTURE WAS GOOD

Shinzo Ohki Told Many In-  
teresting Facts of Life  
in Japan.

## ABLE YOUNG MAN

Was Educated in Columbia  
City Schools—Came Here  
Six Years Ago.

The lecture given at the First Ba-  
ptist church last night by Shinzo Ohki,  
a Japanese who has been in this  
country but six years, was most in-  
teresting. The speaker began his lec-  
ture by a fifteen minute talk upon the  
general conditions that exist in Japan  
and in this, he discussed the relations  
of that country to the United States.  
The customs and living of the people  
of Japan were also taken up and  
briefly outlined. The speaker then  
used stereoscopic views illustrating  
a very interesting talk on a ninety  
days' journey over Japan. This was  
begun by showing a picture of a  
large ocean liner leaving the United  
States and the landing at Tokio. He  
then directed his talks and showed  
views of communities where Buddhism  
is observed and explained what this  
belief was. The religion Shintoism  
was then taken up and fully illustrat-  
ed. The lecturer then talked of com-  
munities where Christianity has been  
established and told of how it has  
prospered. Next came a brief history  
of Mikado and his wife. "Mikado,"  
said the speaker, "is the one hundred  
and fifty-first ruler of the dynasty,  
the lineage of which has never been  
broken. Mr. Ohki then executed the  
Japanese sword dance in which he il-  
lustrated the many movements of the  
Jap soldiers. He had a sword which  
is over three hundred years old and  
with it he severed a piece of timber  
one and one-half inches in diameter,  
while it was balanced on the floor. Mr.  
Ohki is a graduate from the Columbia  
City high school and he possesses a  
very good education. He is held in  
the high esteem of all who know him,  
and the series of lectures he is now  
giving are for the purpose of getting  
enough money for him to attend Chi-  
cago university. The lecture was  
highly appreciated by all who were  
in attendance and his return to the  
city would be welcomed by all.

## 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, ar-  
riving 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 ma-  
chinery at the power house seems  
to be giving the management consid-  
erable trouble.

## IT'S MARTIAL LAW

Muncie Now in Charge of  
the Militia—Eight Com-  
panies 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 mar-  
tial law. The police worn out, were in-  
adequate to protect the lives and prop-  
erty of Muncie residents and the of-  
ficials believed it to be to the best in-  
terests of all concerned to accept the  
proffered aid from the militia. Eight  
companies, four from Indianapolis, ar-  
rived here at seven o'clock this morn-  
ing 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 oc-  
curred.

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 con-  
ductors here quit last night, in sym-  
pathy 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 suc-  
cess 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 TEEPLE DITCH.

Gobriel Everhart Was Low Bidder on  
Whole Ditch.

The Henry I. Teeple 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, \$762.39. A.  
J. Durban, Sec. 1, \$222.

The St. Joseph schools will open  
Monday after enjoying a two weeks  
vacation during the holidays. With  
this rest the students will no doubt  
be ready to knuckle down to hard work  
again.