

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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## AT THE CHURCHES

Dr. Stevens, of Winona, delivered Two Sermons Here Sunday.

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

At the Methodist Church—Missionary Society to Help the Needy.

Dr. Stevens, of Winona Lake, who supplied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning and evening, delivered two excellent sermons and the large audiences that were present enjoyed the talks very much. Dr. Stevens will not be here next Sunday, however, as he has an engagement in Pennsylvania, which he will fulfill on that day and he may possibly return some time in the future. Next Sunday a new preacher will be here and several others will be given a trial before the congregation will employ a minister permanently. Dr. Preston Foreman, who so successfully interested the people by a series of very good sermons a short time ago, is now located at Dayton, Indiana, a small place near Lafayette, where he expects to remain for a year. Dr. Foreman's health is very poor, and he has taken this country change in order to recuperate.

It was announced from the pulpit at the Methodist church yesterday that every evening during this week with the exception of Saturday preaching and prayer services will be held in the lecture room of the church. This is known as the week of prayer and will be observed in thousands of churches in the United States and in many in Europe during this week, which is the allotted time. It is urged that a good attendance be present at each of these meetings.

Pursuant to their charitable characteristics and desires to assist the needy, the members of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the M. E. church will meet at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, bringing with them clothing and bedding which will be packed in a barrel and sent to the Ebenezer Mitchell school for white boys and girls which is located in the mountain district of North Carolina. A new dormitory has just been added to this school and they are in great need of bedding, hence the Decatur ladies are responding to the call. The Woman's Home Missionary society of the M. E. church are supporting more than twenty industrial schools and several community schools all of which are doing great good for the betterment of the communities in which they are located.

Rev. D. L. Hower, of Mentone, Ind., brother of Dallas Hower and Mesdames Daniel Beery, F. H. Nicholas and John Myers of this city delivered a most interesting sermon at the Methodist church yesterday morning from the text on "The visit of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon." Rev. Hower was reared in Decatur. About ten years ago he entered the ministry and in this he has succeeded wonderfully. He has a charge in the Wabash district at Mentone and is doing good work. His sermon of yesterday morning demonstrated his ability as a speaker and caused his many friends to heap congratulations upon him.

## BIBLE CLASS ELECT OFFICERS

Joe McFarland is President—Class is Growing.

At a meeting of the Young People's Bible class of the M. E. Sunday school held Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, the following officers were elected to serve for one year: Pres., Mr. Joe McFarland; vice president, Mr. G. W. Warner and secretary, Mrs. G. W. Warner. By-laws were adopted by the class, several committees were appointed and a systematic effort will be put forth to increase the membership of the class. The class was organized in October and that time had but one member. The class now has twenty members, fourteen of whom were not members of the school before. Twenty-five names were suggested to the class and these people will be earnestly solicited to attend Sunday school.

The finishing touches on painting the Christian church are being put on today by Charles Railing and force of men, and this place of worship now looks a hundred per cent better. The church has been painted a drab color.

WAS WELL KNOWN HERE.  
Barney Benson Succumbed to Ravages of Typhoid.

Barney Benson, of Cold Gold, Pa., well known here from the fact that he was one of the tank builders who worked at Preble some time ago, was buried last Friday, according to word received by Miss Bessie Long of this city. Mr. Benson was here for several months and formed many acquaintances who regret of his unfortunate fate. He was taken ill some time ago with typhoid fever and his condition became worse day by day until he succumbed to the ravages of that dread disease. He was well liked in this community, and enjoyed the friendship of a large circle of friends. He died during the first part of last week.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

LeMay Case Continued Until Thursday Afternoon.

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## NEW CASE IS FILED

Dutcher Divorce Case this Afternoon—Two Divorce Cases Dismissed.

The LeMay case has been continued until Thursday noon. The trial was to have begun Wednesday morning. It is believed it will be concluded by Saturday.

Erwin and Erwin filed a new case entitled Henry C. Davis vs. Fred W. Fuelling, suit on note, demand \$100.

Hon. C. J. Lutz has been appointed special judge to hear the case of Milton S. Hilpert vs. Leota B. Gottschalk, a suit to modify the order of court. Judge Merryman is disqualified having been counsel for the plaintiff in the original divorce case.

Flora A. Dutcher vs. Charles M. Dutcher, divorce, answer filed. A part of the evidence was heard Saturday evening and the rest this afternoon.

The evidence was concluded at 2:30 this afternoon and Judge Merryman refused to grant the plaintiff her divorce as prayed for.

Sarah Gleason, admx. vs. Edward E. Young et al, damages, \$5,900. Demuror overruled.

Mary E. Debolt vs. Chauncey A. Debolt, divorce, cause dismissed at cost of the plaintiff.

An extension of time was asked for and granted the drainage commissioners in the Mathias Miller et al petition for drain. The report will be filed January 14.

William E. Swartz vs. Journal Publishing company, petition filed by Eltingham for a partial distribution.

Horace Kohn vs. Joseph W. Hakes, suit note, \$250, demuror to answer overruled, reply filed.

Rosa Counts vs. John Counts, divorce, cause dismissed at cost of the plaintiff.

Frank H. Barthell vs. Henry E. Keller, demuror to answer overruled.

A marriage license was issued Saturday evening to Charley J. Grim an electrician, aged thirty-four, of this city, and Katie Young, aged twenty-five, of Monmouth. The bride is better known as Polly Lord and was divorced last May. The groom was granted a divorce December 12th last.

Another marriage license was the one issued to Rolla C. Longenberger, aged twenty-one, and Lorena M. Laiuse, aged twenty, both of Monroe.

The Misses Josephine Schumacher and Celeste Mylott returned home Saturday afternoon from Fort Wayne, where they were visiting relatives and they report a fine time.

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## HELD UP WOMAN

John Magner of this City is in Serious Trouble at Fort Wayne.

## NABBED BY POLICE

After a Sensational Chase Across That City—Results May Be Serious.

John Magner, twenty-one years old, who was born and reared six miles south of Decatur and who appears to be somewhat demented, is a prisoner at police headquarters following a confessed attempt to hold up two young women and following one of the most spectacular chases made by the police in a long time.

The names of the victims of the holdup were not made public by the police, who desire to protect the two young women from notoriety. Magner has made a confession to the officers and it will not be necessary for the young women to appear in court.

According to the story told by the girls they were walking along the Lake Erie tracks about 1:30 yesterday afternoon when they met Magner, who ordered them to give up their money and rings. The spot is a lonely one but although there was no one within sight or hearing the two girls determined to stand their ground. They refused to submit to robbery and according to their story Magner grabbed one of them, insulting her terribly and uttering horrible threats. The young woman retaliated by slapping the brute's face and she alleges that he then struck her, at the same moment the other young woman seized a rock and Magner took to his heels and ran.

Though terribly frightened, the young women hastened to the nearest telephone and notified the police of their experience, and Lieutenant Lapp, Station Master Terry and Deputy Sheriff Swaney started in pursuit, capturing the man after a several mile chase.

Magner is known here and his present trouble is not a great surprise, as he has acted queerly for some time.

## THE POULTRY SHOW

Opens in the Weber Building on North Second Street Tomorrow.

## EXHIBITS ARRIVING

Entries Close this Evening—the Biggest Show in History Assured.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the Adams county poultry show Tuesday morning at the Weber barn and from all present indications the show will be a success, both financially and in the way of exhibits. Several crates of fancy poultry arrived this morning from the north and have been placed in the exhibit hall and by noon tomorrow the room should be packed. President Rice is confident of a big display and says that Adams county poultry raisers will have on hand a large exhibit in itself. The services of Judge Gault have been secured for this event and in securing this man the association has made no mistake as he comes highly recommended and has a reputation second to none. The management should be encouraged in their effort and Decatur citizens should turn out and show their appreciation.

A new case was filed Saturday evening in Squire Smith's court entitled David Liby against the Chicago and Erie railroad, wherein the plaintiff alleges that an Erie train killed a number of his hogs to the value of forty-five dollars. Service was obtained Saturday evening by Constable Smith and the case will be heard on the 16th. Liby says that the company's fence was defective at the point where the hogs made their escape into the right of way.

## OFF FOR FORT WAYNE.

M. W. of A's of Decatur and Monroe Witness Spectacular Initiation.

About fifty members of the M. W. of A. from Monroe and Decatur left on the one o'clock interurban car this afternoon for Fort Wayne, where they will witness a spectacular initiation in the Wayne camp. A large class of Fort Wayne candidates are to be initiated into the mysteries of this order this afternoon and evening and a royal time is anticipated. Beside the initiatory work, speeches will be made by some of the leading officers of this organization and an elaborate banquet will be served at the close of the session. The members from Monroe who accompanied the Decatur people were A. B. Bailey, J. N. Everhart, J. W. Kemper and son Willis, E. Busche and J. Lentner.

## A NEW MANAGER

Hitchcock to Take Charge of the Taft Candidacy.

## THE WATER PRSIDENT

History Will Say That of Roosevelt—New York Scheme.

Washington, Jan. 6.—No denial will be entered to the statement that in few days, a week at the latest, First Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock will say "yes" to Secretary Taft's invitation to enter into the management of the Ohioan's nomination campaign. Reports already published here touching the Taft request are wide of the mark. It has been stated that Mr. Hitchcock is to concern himself only with the south, and that Mr. Vorys, Mr. Taft's Ohio lieutenant, is to have charge of the campaign elsewhere. The truth is that Mr. Taft has invited Mr. Hitchcock to be his campaign manager in the east, west, north and south, except in the state of Ohio, where Mr. Vorys' familiarity with local conditions will keep him in charge.

Washington, Jan. 6.—It was suggested a few days ago by a member of congress who is a strong admirer of Mr. Roosevelt that he would be known in history as the "water president" because of his efforts to drive water out of stocks and to promote water in transportation. Certainly what the president hopes to do toward inaugurating a definite policy for the utilization of the country's natural resources particularly the waterways and forests, is likely to be very much in discussion in the next few months.

## AN OCTOGENARIAN

Christopher Homeyer One of the Pioneers of This Section is Dead.

## EIGHTY-TWO YEARS

Lived Near the Allen County Line—Funeral Wednesday at Freidheim.

Christopher Homeyer aged eighty-two years, and probably one of Adams county's oldest citizens, died Sunday evening at his home near Poe at eight-thirty o'clock, after an illness of several months duration, death resulting from dropsy and erysipelas. Mr. Homeyer was born and raised in Germany, but when a mere boy came to this country with his parents, settling a few years after landing in Adams county, and since that time he made his home upon the farm, where he died. He was one of the most popular old men in that community, his friends being innumerable. He was a member of the Freidheim church and was a devoted Christian and worker in its behalf and his many kind acts and deeds of charity will be sadly missed by those who came in closest touch with him. The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, the funeral cortège leaving the home at one o'clock sun time and the services will be held at the Freidheim church at two o'clock interment will be made in the Freidheim cemetery. He leaves a wife, three daughters and two sons to mourn their loss.

## FARMER'S INSTITUTE AT BERNE.

Will Be Held This Year on January 23d.

Ed S. Moses, president of the farmer's institute association, informs us that the annual Berne meeting given each year for the farmers of the south part of the county, who cannot conveniently attend the sessions here, will be held this year on January 23d. The foreign speakers will be Mr. G. T. Newson of Marion county and Mrs. Clara D. Carter, of Johnson county. Both come highly recommended. Besides these the program which will be out in a few days will contain a number of local names.

## WOMEN IN BLACK

Appeared at Waggoner Home on First Street Last Evening.

## WAS INTERVIEWED

Attorney Shaffer Peterson Talked to Her but Failed to Ascertain Her Business.

That much talked of woman in black

who has been terrorizing the people in this and surrounding towns for several months past, who has been seen prowling about the streets at all hours of the night, seemingly, looking for something, was again seen last night by several people on First street. It was at about bedtime that Miss Gusta Cramer saw this mysterious woman peeping in the windows at the John Waggoner home. She watched the movements of the woman for a short time, after which she called Shaffer Peterson by telephone and notified him of what was coming off. Shaffer had been in bed, but he hastily donned his overcoat over his "nightie" and he was then ready to ferret out what mission this much talked of woman was on. Shaffer at once approached within about ten feet from where the woman was standing and asked her what she was doing. To this, no reply was made. He then told her that John Waggoner lived in the house about which she was prowling and asked if she should wake them up for her. She answered "If I want them awakened I will do it myself." He then asked her who she wanted to see and she replied "It is none of your business." Brave Shaf thought best to inform Waggoner of his guest before resorting to any stringent measures, so he went to the front door and rang the bell. While he was doing this, however, the woman had propelled her anatomy a few hundred feet away and when she saw Mr. Waggoner and Mr. Peterson coming toward her with a lantern and a clothes line prop, she made good her escape. The policemen appeared upon the scene in a few moments and took up the track but without avail.

## HIS RAPID RISE

Patrick Houlahan Climbs from Water Boy to a General Manager.

## ASCENT WAS STEADY

Man Who Will Really Manage the Clover Leaf and Alton and His History.

Patrick H. Houlahan, who for the

past three years has been the general superintendent of the Clover Leaf with headquarters in Frankfort, has been made a general superintendent of the Clover Leaf and the Alton roads with headquarters in Chicago. The office is practically that of general manager of the merged lines, and Mr. Houlahan succeeds C. A. Goodnow, of Maumee Ave., will entertain the ladies at a five o'clock luncheon.

In returning to Chicago, Mr. Houlahan goes back to his first love, where when as a boy twelve years of age, he began his railroad career as a water boy on the Alton road. He now returns as the general manager, not only of the Alton but of the Clover Leaf as well. Mr. Houlahan's rise in the railroad world has been rapid and sure. For twenty-six years he has held an official position and has never missed a day's pay. He has filled about every position on a railroad from water boy, brakeman, conductor, station agent, baggageman, engineer to the manager of the road, and his latest promotion is a deserved one. His record as general superintendent of the Clover Leaf brought him fame and the road has been made a power in the financial and railroad circles. Mr. Houlahan will report to Vice-President Ross.

It is stated that F. D. Weidenheimer, inspector of transportation for the Clover Leaf, with headquarters in Frankfort, will be made division superintendent, reporting to Mr. Houlahan.

## TO PREVENT SPREAD OF DISEASE

Indiana Board of Health to Make Special Effort.

The secretaries of the county and city boards of health have received circular letters from the health board of the state, urging that everything possible be done during the next year to prevent the spread of disease. The letters call the attention of the officers to the fact that the protection of the public health is of first and utmost consideration, and the county councils are urged to make liberal appropriations for the prevention of disease. In the letters the following resolution adopted recently by the New York city board of trade is quoted:

"Health and the protection of life are more precious to the people and more necessary to their happiness than even the extension of our commerce, the fostering of our agricultural interests, the cheapness or efficiency of our postal service, the improvement of our rivers and harbors or the enlargement of our navy."

The letters say also that the first step in the protection of the public health is to collect vital statistics. The health officer, the letters say, must know about the deaths and contagious diseases before he can find the enemy intelligently.

Miss Agnes Geary left at noon for her home at Cleveland, Ohio, after visiting with Miss Rose Hain.

## SOCIETY IS BUSY

Theater Party at Ft. Wayne as Guests of Mrs. Winch.

## DINNER AT VAIL HOME

Many Dinners and Other Society Events Recored.

Mrs. Robert Harding entertained a number of young girls at a merry five hundred party yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Edith Harding, who is home from school for the Christmas holidays, and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Harding. Palms and ferns in artistic jardiniers formed the decorations, and the quaint score cards added to the prettiness of things. After supper the guests wound up the afternoon's pleasure by a vigorous dance. The guests were the Misses Irma Henderson, Sadie Ten Brook, of Grand Rapids; Dorothy Alden, May Randall, Ethel Mariette, Olive Doud, Helen Bassett, Myrtle Carter, Flora Cook, Muriel Baxter, Gwen Saylor, Esther Auger, Irma Poole, Margie Germuth, Mabel Smith, Helen Magee, Lola Springer—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Mrs. John Keller will entertain the Young Matrons tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

Mrs. W. H. Nachtrieb, Mrs. F. M. Schirmeyer, Mrs. J. C. Patterson, Mrs. John Nibley, Mrs. J. W. Tyndall, Mrs. E. B. Morrison and Mrs. Hattie Studabaker will form a party to hear the Damrosch orchestra at the Majestic tomorrow night. Mrs. W. E. Winch, of Maumee Ave., will entertain the ladies at a five o'clock luncheon.

A company of friends were entertained in an exceptionally charming manner Saturday evening at a six o'clock dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Vail at their home on Madison street. The holiday spirit had not yet lost its charms so the guests gave themselves up to the pleasure of the occasion. The season's decorations of cut flowers were beautifully arranged in the various rooms in large vases, and the dinner was nicely served in four courses. The guests were: Mesdames and Messrs. Dan Sprang, E. L. Carroll, Dan Vail, W. H.