

THE POULTRY SHOW OPENS

Over Eight Hundred Birds at This Big Annual Exhibit

JUDGE GAULT HERE

Fourth Exhibition of the Adams County Poultry Association.

BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Opened to the Public at Ten O'Clock Today—Big Crowds Expected.

The Adams County poultry show opened this morning under the most favorable auspices and from all appearances the show this year will far exceed any other event ever held by this association. The spacious hall in the Weber building has been neatly arranged and decorated for this occasion and there is ample room to show every bird that comes in. Something like eight hundred entries have been received and in accordance with this number the committee in charge have been making their arrangements. All morning fancy poultry from practically every section of the state kept coming in and by Wednesday morning where the scoring commences there is no question but that over eight hundred birds will be on hand for the sight seers to look over. Secretary C. E. Magley is practically the busiest man in Decatur today as he is wanted in a hundred different places at one time and that he is doing his duty and then some can be vouched for by every exhibitor. Poultry of every name and description are on hand and in every event there will be a battle royal for the prize money and as the judge the association has secured for this show is one of vast experience the birds will be scored right down to the point and it will be a case of the best fowl winning. Judge J. E. Gault will play no favorites, as he knows no one and is merely here to judge and score the chickens upon the points they show. In the chicken line there are on hand Buff Plymouth Rocks, Silver and Golden Wyandottes, Single and Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, Rose and Single Comb Leghorns, Bantams, Black Langshans, Buff Cochins, Plymouth Rocks, Hamburgs, Black and Buff Orpingtons and many other breeds that we are unable to mention at this time. In connection with this are Embden and Toulouse Geese, Ducks, Turkeys and Pet Stock in fact everything that goes to make a poultry show a success. The entries so far are from Portland, Columbia City, Willshire, O., Fort Wayne, Delphos, O., Warren, Montpelier, Huntington, Berne, Celina, C., Geneva, Bluffton, Van Wert, Ohio, Monroeville, Hoagland, Preble and Ridgeville and with several other cities to hear from. The various business men of Decatur have shown their appreciation of this show by offering special prizes in different events among the list being Meyer, Presdorf & Moses who offer a beveled mirror; Keller Incubator company, who will give away a fifty egg incubator; M. Burns & Son, who will give away a \$1.00 whip; Everett, Hite & Son, who will give a pitcher and bowl. The Winnes Shoe store who will give away a pair of slippers; Tom Leonard, who will give a twenty gallon gasoline tank. Decatur Lumber Co., who offer a door bell; Prover Brother, who give away a \$1.50 cake; Smith, Yager & Falk a 12 1/2 lb. package of Janacea; U. Deininger, a sailor hat; F. B. Tague a pair of slippers; F. V. Mills, 35 lbs. Ralston's Chick Feed; Decatur Hardware Co., a nickel tea kettle; Fort Wayne & Springfield Ry. Co., a mileage book; W. L. Lehne, a clock, Teeple, Brandyberry & Peterson, a fancy dress shirt; Charlie Voglewede, a reduction of \$1.00 on any pair of shoes; W. H. Nachtrieb, a package of Fleck's Poultry Powders. The Holthouse drug Company a 50c package of Prussian Poultry Tonic. Besides these above named are special prizes from various poultry journals and poultry food houses that are too numerous to mention. The prettiest

prize in the entire display is the silver loving cup offered by the Purina Poultry Food company for the fowl fed on Purina poultry feed that scores the highest number of points. The battle for this prize promises to be interesting as every poultry man present has his eye on the same. So that the public may be enlightened as to the prize winners the birds will be marked as soon as scored the Blue ribbon representing first, the red second, the yellow third and the white fourth, and whenever you see a coop flying one of the above colors you may know just what prize they won. This was a feature that was overlooked last year and the association has profited thereby. The prettiest display to date is that of the Keller Incubator Co., who have rented one corner of the building and there arranged a hand some booth in which they have twenty machines and a man at all hours in the day to explain the same and tell the good points. George Massonli will have charge of this booth and if you want to ask any questions do not hesitate. The advance sale of tickets mean that a large crowd will be in attendance and that the show will be the greatest ever held by the Adams County Poultry Association.

At twelve-thirty o'clock today the doors at the poultry show were thrown open to the public and in a few moments after the mammoth hall was packed by people desiring to look the fancy fowls over and all indications point to that one word success. The poultry show will remain open day and night until Saturday morning, when the show will close and the exhibits removed. A new feature was added to the show this morning when the Petaluma Incubator company, of Petaluma, California, erected their booth and will exhibit their machines for the remainder of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick are both confined to their bed on account of severe attacks of lagrippe. Mrs. Niblick was taken ill some time ago and was compelled to take to her bed. Mr. Niblick has been complaining for some time and his condition has become such that he is also confined to bed.

AN OFFICE BLOCK

Is in Demand in Decatur—Application for Rooms Received.

WHO WILL BUILD

The Daily Democrat Will Publish Suggestions from Any Readers.

One of Decatur's best known business men, a member of a firm whose business annually reaches the six figure mark, called yesterday and asked us to use our best efforts to induce some one to erect a modern office building in Decatur. He authorized us to state that his firm would at any time contract for at least two office rooms in such a block. At present they are quartered in a dingy little office, where they must furnish their own heat and be their own janitor. These things are inconvenient indeed to really busy people and our caller was no doubt right in his belief that every room in such a block could be rented at a reasonably good price in one day's time. No one, more than the Daily Democrat would like to see a building in Decatur. Our city is growing modern and there is a demand for such rooms, that never was noticeable here before. Some one should build this block and meet the demand. Who will do it. Several lodges are talking of such a plan and perhaps this inquiry will cause some encouragement. We will give the name of the firm mentioned to any persons interested. Perhaps some of our readers have some plans to suggest. If so we will gladly publish them.

INSTALL OFFICERS

I. O. O. F. Now Under Supervision of New Officials.

THE SOCIETY NEWS

Surprise on John Cowan—First Leap Year Dance of Season at Bingen.

Last evening at the I. O. O. F. hall the members held their regular business session and during the evening they installed officers as follows: Noble grand, Ed Christen; vice grand, U. S. Drummond; right supporter of noble grand, Sam Shamp; left supporter of noble grand, A. J. Russell; right supporter of vice grand, Adam Wise; left supporter of vice grand, Charley Steele; treasurer, Harvey Harruff; financial secretary, Charles Helm; secretary, Walter Johnson; chaplain, Robert Patterson; left scenery supporter, Harvey Baker; right scenery supporter, Frank Baker; warden, Chas. E. Baker.

The members of the I. O. O. F. will have a drill practice at their hall on Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

A six o'clock dinner which will be extremely charming in its general atmosphere will be the one given by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Vail, on Thursday evening to a company of friends at their home on Fifth street.

The Ladies' Afternoon club are being entertained at the home of Mrs. J. H. Bremerkamp, of Seventh street.

Mr. John Cowan was the victim of a birthday anniversary surprise party Sunday, at his home at Pleasant Mills, given by large company of relatives and friends. Although it was not the largest party of the season, it was one of the merriest that was ever given. At twelve o'clock an elegant dinner was served the guests. The guests who were from Decatur were: Mrs. John Falk and son, Glen, Miss Alice Dailey, Carl Moses, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moses, Joel Fulk, of Rivar. Besides these there were relatives from Willshire, Monroeville and Chicago, which numbered thirty-five present.

Mrs. E. V. Macy, of north Ninth street, will be hostess at the meeting of the West End Needle club on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

Misses Lucy Fruchte, Myrle Beachler, Della Sellemeyer, Susie Mayer, Lettie Weber, Lucy Christman, Mr. Fred Sellemeyer were the guests at a 12 o'clock dinner Sunday noon, given by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sellemeyer at their country home.

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The Y. M. H. D. club will be entertained by Miss Bertha Knappe, on Thursday evening at her home on north Third street.

Mrs. Charles Pilliod, of Piqua, Ohio, will be the complimentary guest at an evening party given by Mrs. W. A. Kuebler to a party of friends.

The social committee of the Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church met at the home of Mrs. Harvey Lee yesterday afternoon. After the business session, a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

Miss Ode Fullenkamp was the honored guest at a birthday party given at the home last night in honor of her twenty-third birthday. An excellent social session was enjoyed after which a three course luncheon was served to the delight of all present, who were Misses Amelia Webber, Bert Hart, Letta Fullenkamp and Messrs. Charles and Joe Lose, Lawrence Kleinhenz and Guy Dorwin. After wishing Miss Ode many more such happy occasions the guests departed for their respective homes.

The Columbian club will give a dance for its members Wednesday evening and it promises to be a very delightful event.

INVENTS ANOTHER INCUBATOR.

Dr. H. E. Keller Has New Machine on the Market.

Dr. H. E. Keller, who gained fame in 1905, by inventing a modern incubator and brooder which has since proven one of the most popular in the country, is again to the front, having just invented another machine that far exceeds his and all other former ones of this kind. It has no machinery on the interior, excepting the regulator and no heating parts, whatever, inside the case. It can be attached to any incubator made and the new invention seems to be the very acme of success in artificial incubation and places the doctor at the very head of inventors in this line. This new machine will be manufactured by the Keller Incubator company, who are now taking orders for same.

MUNCIE IS QUIET

Militia is Still in Charge and Empty Cars are Running.

DYNAMITE STICKS

Were Found Tied to Trucks of an Interurban Car Last Night.

Muncie, Ind., January 7.—This proved another quiet day in the strike situation here and local authorities are now urging the withdrawal of the twelve militia companies, feeling confident that the local police and deputies can handle the situation. The only affair of the last twenty-four hours was the discovery last night of two sticks of dynamite tied to the trucks of a Connorsville interurban. A squad of twenty deputies were aboard the car and the dynamite was found just before the car started. The deputies are still patrolling the streets and the cars are running on schedule time, but without passengers. The settlement of the affair seems as far off as ever. The fact that eight or ten factories have re-opened has taken several thousand men off the streets and makes the situation much easier to handle.

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THE COFFEE CASE

Issues Were Partially Made at Portland this Morning.

CAUSE CONTINUED

Will Complete Issues January 21st and Case Then Be Set for Trial.

Portland, Indiana, January 7.—The first round in the State ex rel Ed Green vs. D. D. Coffee, mayor of Decatur, impeachment proceedings, came off here this morning before Judge LaFollette. L. C. DeVoss and C. J. Lutz appeared as attorneys for the plaintiff and D. D. Heller represented the defendant. A verified plea filed setting up the facts that the request for a change of venue was made by the relator, Ed Green, when the state was the real party plaintiff, but this was overruled. Several routine motions tending toward the making up of the issues were argued and the cause was then continued until January 21st, when the issues will be completed and the case probably set down for trial.

WILL CUT THE RATE

Chicago & Erie to Slash the Passenger Rate to New York.

RESULT OF A WAR

May Cause Reduction on the Price of Tickets All Along the Line.

Passenger rates between Chicago and the east are to be slashed right and left after Feb. 10. On that date the Erie's new tariff will become effective and it is practically certain all rates on that line east of Marion, O., will be cut. The other roads will be forced to retaliate, and it is more than possible the war will be carried into the western territory as well.

At the meeting of the Chicago railroad association it was agreed that all the Erie rates in the Chicago rate sheet, the official publication of the association, should be cancelled on Feb. 10. Dilatory tactics were resorted to by the passenger men of the other lines, and the meeting was prolonged over two days in the hope that the Erie would be forced to announce what rates it proposes to put in.

The only concession made by the Erie, however, was to tell when the rates will be effective. This means that, since a road must file a new tariff with the commission thirty days before it becomes effective, the Erie's tariff will be filed Jan. 10. The tariffs of the other roads cannot be prepared inside of a week, and unless special dispensation is given by the commission the Erie will have that much advantage.

While the Erie officials are silent as to how much of a cut will be made, the impression prevails that the new rates between Chicago and New York will be \$12 on first class and \$8 on second class. The present rates are \$18 and \$10 respectively, but the latter represents a cut of \$6 made on the second class rate in November.

Some of the representatives of other lines have suggested that no attention be paid to these cuts; that they will hurt the Erie more if it is unable to handle the traffic on unremunerative rates. It is not likely, however, that such a course will be followed.

MUST NOT CARRY LIQUOR.

Postmaster General Issues a New Order to Mail Carriers.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order which has a direct bearing upon the prohibition movement. The order is as follows:

It is hereby ordered that it shall be a condition of any contract hereafter entered into for carrying the mails upon star, screen wagon, messenger or special service route, that the contract carrier shall not transport intoxicating liquor from one point to another upon such route while in the performance of mail service.

The order will become effective at once in many sections of the country where it is necessary to install new and supplementary service. It is believed that this order will have a far reaching effect and will meet the approval of a large number of people, judging by the enormous number of complaints that have been sent here to the department.

PAGE BURRELL ON THE ROAD.

Is Assisting John Schug as a Knight of the Grip.

John Schug, the popular traveling salesman of this city, is walking about the streets with the aid of a cane, the result of a badly strained side, the result of lifting a heavy bunch of con rods. The accident happened a few days ago and for several days Mr. Schug was confined to his bed. However, this morning he started out on his regular trip, taking young Page Burrell with him, who will act in the capacity of grip carrier. Mr. Schug will be absent for a week, taking in his entire northern trip.

Mrs. C. A. Paltz and daughter, returned home from Fort Wayne after visiting with friends.

W. H. Summers, of Poe, returned home this afternoon after attending to business.

HAS RESIGNED POSITION.

D. M. Rice is Too Busy to Haul Children to School.

D. M. Rice, who has been hauling the school children from the Elzey school district No. 8 to the Mallonee school district No. 7 has resigned. Mr. Rice has filled this position very successfully the past five months, but owing to the many duties on the farm he was compelled to resign.

Ben Butler will drive the wagon the remaining part of the term of school. Trustee Luttman is to be congratulated on his success of this new movement. The Gerke and Knapp schools in Root township also have been closed thus giving more money to give the children of the township longer terms of school, better teachers and more sanitary buildings.

MAGNER IS GUILTY

Admitted Part of Charges Before Judge Skelton at Fort Wayne.

AND WAS FINED

Also Sent to Jail for Thirty Days—Formerly Lived at Monroe.

Fort Wayne, January 7.—Thirty days in the county jail and a fine of ten dollars was the penalty assessed by Judge Skelton in the city court yesterday against John Magner, who attacked two girls as they walked along the Lake Erie and Western railroad tracks about noon Sunday. The girls assert that Magner made an attempt at robbery, laid violent hands upon them and insulted them. In court Magner denied that he had attempted to rob the girls, but admitted other portions of the charge. He said his home was originally at Monroe, that he had worked at Decatur, coming to this city in January last, and that he had recently been employed as a porter at the Calderwood hotel. He explained his presence on the railroad tracks by stating that he had made a trip to the Rolling mills in search of work. Magner does not appear to be of a particularly high grade of mentality, and he was sentenced on a charge of simple assault and battery. The young ladies whom he accosted are employees of the knitting mills and on the witness stand they gave damaging testimony against Magner.

THE MARRIAGE VOW

Judge Merryman Expresses Opinion That it is a Most Sacred One.

REFUSES A DIVORCE

And in Doing So Says the Applicants Must Come With Clean Hands.

Judge Merryman refused to grant Mrs. Dutcher a divorce as was stated in yesterday's issue. In doing so he said that, according to the evidence the plaintiff had been the real cause for the home being broken, that consequently she did not appear before the court in that cleanly condition which demands any recognition from a court or which gives her any right to expect redress for her wrongs. He said he considered the marriage vow the most sacred of all oaths and that he would not be doing his duty should he allow his court to be made a place where these vows can be lightly thrown aside. He laid no blame upon the attorneys in the case, whom he said had acted in the best of faith and who had represented their client in a very proficient and professional manner. Judge Merryman's short talk in deciding this case gave those who heard it to understand that he will not set aside the marriage vows in cases where they should not be.

Robert S. Peterson, the well known attorney, is quite sick with the popular ailment, lagrippe.

FEDERAL BLOCKS

Congressman Adair Introduces Bill for Public Building in Decatur.

ALSO OTHER CITIES

Asks for \$50,000 for Six Cities of this District—Other Washington News.

Washington, D. C., January 7.—(Special)—Representative John A. M.

Adair, of the Eighth district, Indiana, has introduced bills for public federal buildings at Decatur, Winchester, Portland, Bluffton, Elwood and Alexandria. He asks for \$50,000 for each place and insists that he will use every effort to secure the allowance. While it is probable that few buildings of this kind will be ordered at this session, it is also believed that Mr. Adair will use every effort to secure the allowance for these. This would give each of these cities a permanent and handsome federal home and such as would cause every citizen to swell with pride.

Senator Beveridge today introduced a bill for a \$75,000 public building at Peru. The government has already purchased a site. The senator also introduced a bill to create a federal court of patent appeals, of five members. The American bar association has long favored the creation of such a court. Robert S. Taylor, of Fort Wayne, is chairman of the bar association committee appointed to work for the bill.

In a message to the house of representatives today President Roosevelt urged that, in preparing for the work of taking the next census, the 4,000 or more additional employees needed be appointed only after competitive examination under the rules of the civil service commission and strongly denounced the "patronage system" of making the appointments, saying that the civil service commission was fully capable of obtaining a most efficient force. The non-competitive examinations used in selecting the force at Washington for the last two censuses, the president said, "served only as a cloak to hide the nakedness of the spoils system." Such examinations, he said were useless as checks upon patronage appointments. "The taint of the spoils system," he said, "will not merely hamper and delay the efficiency and taking of the census, but will impair the belief of the public in its accuracy."

INFANT CHILD IS DEAD.

Little Daughter of George Gase Victim of Brain Fever.

Anna Mary, the one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Gase, who reside two miles east of this city, died this morning at one o'clock at their country home after an illness of several weeks duration, death resulting from brain fever. The babe had just reached the age when it had become a household necessity, and the parents are grief stricken over the terrible turn of affairs. The funeral will be held Thursday morning at nine o'clock at the St. Marys Catholic church, Father Wilken officiating, and interment will be made in the St. Joseph cemetery.

BOARD STILL IN SESSION.

The commissioners have completed the routine business of their session and were busy today auditing the final report of Robert D. Patterson, as treasurer of the Decatur school board, preparatory to turning the books over to the new treasurer, Dore B. Erwin. The work requires considerable time and will probably not be completed before Wednesday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peters left for Fort Wayne this morning, where they will attend a funeral which will take place tomorrow.