

## A CROMER VICTORY

Ex-Congressman Again Controls the Eighth District Organization.

## NEWCOMER ELECTED

As District Chairman by the Republicans — The Winchester Convention.

Winchester, Ind., January 14.—(3 o'clock special to Daily Democrat)

The republican district convention was held here this afternoon and to the surprise of many it developed that George W. Cromer, of Muncie, still controls his party in the Eighth or else he caught his opponents napping. The usual caucuses were held this morning and the convention proper, convened at two o'clock this afternoon at the court room. Union B. Hunt, of Indianapolis, presided and Dr. George W. Newcomer, of Elwood, was elected district chairman, without opposition. The anti-Cromer faction had planned to elect Judge M. A. Chipman, of Anderson, but the caucus developed the fact that he could not win and his name was not presented. Newcomer is a member of the Cromer machine and was defeated two years ago when John Terhune, of Anderson, won out. Today's election was clearly a Cromer victory.

## ST. MARYS TOWNSHIP INSTITUTE

One of the Best Was Held There Last Saturday.

The fourth teachers' institute of St. Marys township met in regular session January 11, 1908, at Dist. No. 2, of which S. C. Cramer is teacher. Trustee W. H. Teeple acted as chairman. Every teacher was present and prepared to add to the interest of the institute. Several patrons and pupils attended and their interest was appreciated by trustee and teachers. The teachers and patrons further showed their hospitality by an excellent dinner which they served at noon. The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the teachers:

Be it resolved that we extend to Mr. Cramer, teacher, patrons and pupils of Dist. No. 2, a vote of thanks for the spirit of loyalty shown and for their kind hospitality.

## THE HEALTH BOARD

Held an Important Session Rules for the Five Cent Theaters.

## NEW SLIDE ORDERED

To Forbid Spitting on the Floor—New Rules for Teachers—Measles.

Indianapolis, Jan. 14.—Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the state board of health, has conferred with the board managers of a number of five cent theaters in Indiana, both in Indianapolis and outside the city, and it has been agreed that a new lantern slide shall be introduced in these theaters. This slide will bear the following inscription: "Spitting on the floor of this theater is positively forbidden by order of the Indiana state board of health. Consumption is spread by spitting. Consumption kills 100 people in Indiana annually." It

is hoped that eventually such slides will be exposed in all the five-cent theaters of the state.

There has been considerable complaint about spitting on the floors of these theaters and Dr. Hurty believes the plan he has adopted will stop this to a great extent. He reported this plan at the meeting of the state board of health and it was approved.

The state board of health has made some changes in its rules. One rule adopted makes it unlawful for teachers to permit the attendance at school of a child who is suffering from any infectious disease, even though it be only a cough and cold. The board believed that a child suffering from a cough and cold disturbs the other pupils in the room, and also that the recovery of such children is retarded by the environments at school. Another rule makes it unlawful to employ teachers or janitors who are suffering from any infectious disease.

## FOR GOOD ROADS

Aaron Jones Interested in this Important Problem.

## COMMERCIAL CREDIT

The Fowler Currency Bill—After the Pure Food Law.

Washington, January 14.—Aaron Jones, of South Bend, president of the National Grange, is in Washington to see what he can do in behalf of a bill in congress for good roads. He has called on the secretary of agriculture and director of the bureau of road inquiry of the government, as well as visiting a number of members of congress, who are interested in good roads and who are anxious to bring about some legislation on this important subject. The national grange is back of this movement, and will do all it can to urge congress to action in the matter.

Washington, January 14.—In the Fowler currency bill, which was introduced in the house of representatives last week, and referred to the committee on banking and currency, the author's plan is to base the currency on the general commercial credit of the country, which, he contends, would be of service to business interests of all sections, and not upon bonds which are largely owned and controlled in New York, as is provided in the Aldrich bill.

Washington, January 14.—The forces that for years opposed pure food legislation, either state or national, are anxious to persuade congress to take some of the stings out of the federal pure food law. So far the lobbying has been done quietly; the effort has been to sound members. Later, if sufficient encouragement is received an open attack on the law, or on some sections of it will be made.

## NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY.

Several New Volumes Have Arrived and Have Been Put in Circulation.

Several new volumes of books have been received at the public library, including four books on Men of Achievement, by C. W. Greely; The Life of Washington, by Schroeder and Lansing; South America, by Frank B. Carpenter; Twentieth Century Atlas of Popular Astronomy, by Thomas Heath; French Engravers and Draughtsmen of the Seventeenth Century, by Lady Dilke, and France, Spain, England, Europe in Africa, Italy and Russia and Turkey in the Nineteenth Century, by Latimer. New books are arriving daily and it is well that they are read by many.

A. J. Smith left last evening for Chicago, on business.

F. X. Saller, of Fort Wayne, was in the city last evening. He made arrangements with Mr. Bosse to put on the vaudeville Friday evening at the opera house.

Mrs. A. M. Henry left last evening for Hoagland, where she was called on account of the illness of her sister.

There will be a special meeting of the C. B. L. of I. held Tuesday evening at the K. of C. lodge room. This meeting is important and all members should be present.

## BILL INTRODUCED

To Give Decatur a Fifty Thousand Dollar Federal Building.

## BILL WAS SUBMITTED

By Congressman Adair. Who Believes it Will Ultimately Pass.

Washington, D. C., January 14.—(Special to Democrat)—Congressman Adair yesterday introduced his bill for a federal building at Decatur. He will use every effort to secure its passage and is confident he will be successful either at this session or the next. The bill reads as follows:

A bill to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Decatur in the state of Indiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled:

Section 1.—That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fire-proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States postoffice and other government offices in the city of Decatur and state of Indiana, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators and approaches, complete, not to exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars, which said purpose out of any moneys in the United States treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Proposals for the sale of land suitable for said site shall be invited by public advertisement in one or more of the newspapers of said city of largest circulation for at least twenty days prior to the date specified in said advertisement for the opening of said proposals.

Proposals made in response to said advertisement shall be addressed and mailed to the secretary of the treasury, who shall then cause the said proposed site and such others as he may think proper to designate to be examined in person by an agent of the treasury department, who shall make written report to said secretary of the results of said examination and of his recommendation thereon and of the reasons therefor, which shall be accompanied by the original proposals, and all maps, plats, and statements which shall have come into his possession relating to the said proposed sites.

The building shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet on each side, including streets and alleys.

## MYSTERIOUS LADY

Gowned in Black Was Seen Again Late Last Evening.

## NEAR OLD CEMETERY

Three Young Men Enroute Home Beheld Woman of Strange Habits.

The lady in black was seen again last evening, this time in the south part of the city near the old cemetery, and by Dwight and Ike Archer and George Oswald. The woman was dressed from head to foot in black and over her face she wore a long black veil. She was first seen standing near the Glinley home and when the three boys approached she walked away slowly to the east. The boys watched her until she was out of sight being afraid to follow her and learn

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## STEAM PIPE WAS WORN OUT.

Causing Custodian Ernst Some Extra Work.

Titus Ernst, custodian at the court house, was a busy man today. About eight o'clock this morning the leadpipe which carries the water into the boiler of the big heating plant, bursted and for several hours the water slowly drained out. Mr. Ernst managed to keep the building warm so that no ill effects were noticeable and did it without any danger to the plant. In the meantime he got ready to repair the damage by replacing the pipe which had simply worn out from years of use and it was fixed this afternoon, George Steele assisting. At a time like this Mr. Ernst always shows his fitness for his position.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

Auditor Lewton Will Divide Various Funds to the Trustees.

## JANUARY DRAW

Nearly Fifty Thousand Dollars—Report Shows 7,526 School Children.

County Auditor C. D. Lewton has completed his report showing the distribution of funds to the various township trustees for the annual January draw. The sheet shows 7,526 school children in the county as follows: Union 403, Root 382, Preble 397, Kirkland 330, Washington 474, St. Marys 394, Blue Creek 386, Monroe 827, French 401, Hartford 448, Wabash 618, Jefferson 436, City of Decatur 1,318; town of Geneva 356; town of Berne, 456. The amount of cash distributed totals \$48,122.26 for the various purposes and is divided as follows: Union, congressional fund, \$26.80, common fund, \$489.79, liquor license fund \$58.83, township tax \$755.01, tuition, \$211.52, special school tax \$544.61, township poor tax \$30.16, township bridge tax \$3.35, total \$2,220.07.

Root, congressional \$77.82, common \$506.64, liquor license \$55.77, township tax \$1,330.14, tuition \$665.30, special school \$665.40, township bridge \$7.54, total \$3,308.61.

Preble, congressional \$323.36, common \$575.05, liquor license \$57.96, township tax \$867.16, tuition \$216.86, special school \$1,951.08, road \$6.03, township bridge \$1.54, total \$3,708.04.

Kirkland, congressional \$16.27, common \$488.63, liquor license \$48.18, township tax \$263.38, tuition \$526.99, special school \$451.45, road \$1.03, bridge \$2.07, total \$1,719.88.

Washington, congressional \$36.78, common \$687.44, liquor license \$69.20, township tax \$501.26, tuition \$613.45, special school \$835.78, township poor \$563.77, total \$3,307.68.

St. Marys, congressional \$34.55, common \$568.28, liquor license \$58.50, tuition \$724.81, special school \$580.75, road \$3.03, township poor \$38.68, township bridge \$1.82, total \$2,010.42.

Blue Creek, congressional \$24, common \$566.58, liquor license \$56.33, township tax \$267.17, tuition \$334.67, special school \$1,232.39, road \$8.16, township bridge \$2.39, total \$2,491.69.

Monroe, congressional \$18.60, common \$1,245.71, liquor license \$120.74, township tax \$519.34, tuition \$268.20, special school \$2,079.38, road \$6.16, bridge \$6.28, total \$4,204.41.

French, congressional \$23.92, common \$589.61, liquor license \$59.64, township tax \$503.34, tuition \$268.86, special school \$838.85, road \$4.15, bridge \$4.15, total \$2,292.52.

Hartford, congressional \$13, common \$671.44, liquor license \$65.40, township tax \$480.67, tuition \$871.88, special school \$817.01, road \$56.95, bridge \$28.47, total \$3,004.82.

Wabash, congressional \$26.97, common \$917.57, liquor license \$87.82, township tax \$480.07, tuition \$432.72, special school \$1,200.29, road \$12.02, poor \$143.88, bridge \$4.02, literary \$1.25, total \$3,306.61.

Jefferson, congressional \$40.24, common \$626.84, liquor license \$64.63, township \$337.36, tuition \$374.53, special school \$337.62, road \$45.24, bridge \$52.03, library \$599.58, total \$2,478.07.

Decatur, common \$2,015.54, liquor license \$193.04, special building \$855.66,

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## LODGES ATTEND

Scottish Rite Masons Assisted in Services for A. C. Gregory.

## THIS AFTERNOON

Delegations Here from Fort Wayne—Profuse Floral Offering.

The death of Augustus C. Gregory has caused sorrow among his many friends and fraternal brothers in the various places in which he was known and as an evidence of same, many beautiful floral offerings and letters of sympathy have been received by the members of the family. In a corner of his library the room in which he spent much of his time, the remains of Mr. Gregory have rested in a beautiful mahogany casket surrounded and adorned by wreaths of magnificent flowers arranged emblematic to the orders from which they were sent. A large American flag draped in the usual black has been received from the Loyal Legion of Indianapolis, in expression of their sympathy to the grief stricken widow, and this order has also sent a flag bearing the emblem of the order, in tribute to their dead brother. A beautiful floral display representing the cross and the crown has been received from the Knight Templars of Fort Wayne, the F. O. E. of Fort Wayne contributed a pretty display of carnations, the Decatur F. O. E. presented an elaborate display and the members of the family arranged a frame of carnations and smilax around the picture of the flag the deceased carried during the war. At eleven-thirty o'clock this morning the Episcopal minister from Fort Wayne arrived to assist in the services, which were conducted at the home this afternoon at one-thirty o'clock. The Scottish Rite, of Fort Wayne also came at eleven-thirty and it under their auspices that the services were conducted. The lodge conducted their services in the usual impressive manner after which E. W. Averill, rector of the Trinity church, of Fort Wayne, performed the ritualistic services characteristic to the Episcopalians. During the progress of the services sacred hymns were beautifully rendered by the M. E. choir. After the close of the service pall bearers, Messrs. J. D. Hale, T. R. Moore, B. W. Sholly, Andrew Teeple, Godfrey Christen and Ferd F. Boltz, of Bluffton, conveyed the casket to the hearse in which it was taken to the cemetery, and thus closed the first funeral services that have ever been held in this city under the auspices of the Scottish Rite. Members from the Scottish Rite from Geneva Throp, Homer Pontius, T. E. Kraner and J. D. Hardison. Accompanied only by the minister and the members of the family, the remains were conveyed to the Maplewood cemetery, where they were placed in a vault to remain there until one week from

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## A BIG HORSE SALE

Season Will Open at Beery and Boch's Barn on January 31st.

## BUYERS ARE COMING

## Farmers Invited to Enter

## Their Stock—May Hold Sales Regularly.

Beery & Boch have completed arrangements to hold their opening sale on Friday, January 31st and the announcement will no doubt be gladly received by many who were disappointed over the postponement of the sale advertised for January 10th. At that time Beery & Boch promised to hold a sale as soon as the markets would permit it and this announcement shows they have kept their word. They have received word from a number of eastern firms that they will have

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## NIBLICK & CO.'S BIG SALE.

Niblick & Co. are conducting their annual mid-winter sale of dry goods, carpets, curtains and everything else carried in their big stock, as may be seen by their announcement on page four of this issue. The sale has been a most successful one and this firm are following their usual plan of doing precisely what they advertise. Read it over.

## NEW HOME TELEPHONE CO.

Indianapolis, January 14.—Articles of incorporation have been filed at the office of the secretary of state for the New Home Telephone company, Hamilton, to operate telephone lines in Allen, Whitley, Noble, Wells and Adams counties; capital, \$25,000; directors, Albert Egley, Gearvie Bates, Alvin Klappenstein, Frank Klappenstein and Julius Gehrig.

## IN A SOCIAL WAY

Pythian Sisters Held an Installation at Hall Last Evening.

## A COUNTRY PARTY

At the Everhart Home—The Eagles Plan to Give a Dance.

The Pythian Sisters held their regular meeting last night during which the officers who will serve for the ensuing year were installed in an impressive manner. Mrs. Nora Linn acted in the capacity of installing officer and the following received the obligations: Anna Vance, most excellent chief; Bess Vaughn, past chief; Alice Smith, ex-senior; Neva Hower, ex-junior; Maud Hower, manager; Vada Martin, M. of R. C.; Ella Erwin, mistress of finance; Clara Beachler, protector; outer, Mrs. Elizabeth Sellemeyer; trustee, Bell France. After the installation a delightful social session ensued during which an elegant luncheon consisting of ice cream cake, rolls and coffee was served to the satisfaction of all. A general good time was enjoyed throughout the evening.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. David Everhart, of Washington township, was the scene of a very pleasant social gathering Sunday, the occasion being the 63rd birthday of Mr. Everhart. His children and grandchildren friends and neighbors to the number of thirty-one assembled to enjoy the festivities that were in store. The dining table was heavily laden with good things to eat. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Everhart, of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnston, Mrs. J. D. Hendricks and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Crist and family, all of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Michel Miller and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kidwell, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston and daughter, Mrs. Louise Hunter and son, Mr. Jim Wagner, Mrs. Rebecca Highman, Thelma and Ray Peterson and Wm. Trim.

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The Christian Endeavor society of the German Reformed church will meet at the home of Miss Sellemeyer this evening to hold a business meeting. All members are urged to be present.

The leading event for this afternoon is the shower given by Mesdames Kate Place and Chas True in honor of Miss Kittie Christen at the home of the former.

A party of twenty-eight called at the home of Jacob Borne to remind his son John, that he had passed another milestone in his life. The evening was spent in games and music and ended in a good old fashioned taffy pulling. Those present were: Misses Kate Barger, Cora Steele, Flossie Chronister, Stella Tucker, Minnie Borne, Mary Steele, Anna Yake, Sadie Berger, Celia Steele, Mary Bienenke, Susie Mankey, Ida Bienenke, Victoria

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## COURT HOUSE NEWS

The Beeler Replevin Case is Being Tried by a Jury Today.

## THE MELCHER WILL

Two New Cases Filed—One Against the City—Ora Sells Cited to Appear.

The court and jury are today hearing the case of Nina A. Beeler vs. Samuel E. Beeler, to replevin household goods, the value of which is placed at \$90.00. The couple were married April 10th last and separated June 24th. In the meantime Sam had purchased the household goods and his wife says gave them to her, but after the separation he kept the goods and she brought suit to recover them. The case was tried before a justice, then appealed to circuit court. It was tried at the September term and the jury found for the plaintiff but the court granted a new trial. The case will go to the jury this evening some time. The costs have accumulated and the winner will likely be a loser financially. S. A. M. Butcher and C. J. Lutz represent the plaintiff and D. E. Smith the defendant.

Attorney Jacob Butcher filed a new case entitled John R. Wheeler vs. Andrew Helmberger et al, a partition suit.

Attorney Beatty represents the Garlock Packing Co. in a case against the City of Decatur, a complaint on city orders, to collect \$100.

Henry Young vs. Sarah Hetler et al suit to reform deed, absolute rule to answer was vacated.

Amanda Sell vs. Ora Sell, a divorce case No. 6951, tried some time ago, was redocketed and a motion filed that the defendant be cited to show cause why he does not pay plaintiff the monthly due her as asked by the court. The defendant must appear in court Friday, January 17.

M. F. Rice, administrator of the Edward B. Rice estate filed an inventory of personal property amounting to \$104.

The last will of Frederick Melcher, Root township, was probated this morning. He provided that after death his wife, Louise, shall have the proceeds of the farm during her life, but bequeaths his property to his son, William, to his daughter Louise \$400, to his daughter Sofia \$400, to his daughter Mina \$400, to his daughter Yetta \$400, to his son Frederick \$400, to his daughter Emma \$400 and some personal property. The will was written April 15, 1886, and witnessed by John Melbers and J. H. Voglewede. In the meantime Mrs. Melcher had died and the son William paid off the other heirs and now takes the farm.

Erwin & Erwin are attorneys for the plaintiff in a new case filed in circuit court on appeal from Squire Bowers' court in Kirkland township, entitled Grant G. Owens vs. Peter Helmrich, suit on warranty to recover \$100 on a horse trade.

## LIVE STOCK WAS POISONED.

W. G. Smith Complains to the Officers.

W. G. Smith, a well known farmer from southwest of Monroe, was in the city today seeking advice from officials that he might prevent the further poisoning of his live stock. During the last few days Mr. Smith has lost three head of cattle and two more are dangerously ill. Mr. Smith expects to probe the affair to the bottom and arrests may follow.

## PLEASED AT VAN WERT.

Manager Bosse received word today from Van Wert where the "Widow McCarty" played last night that the performance was one of the best seen there this season. Don't miss it if you want to laugh.