

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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## ACTOR PINCHED

One of the Vaudeville Stars Spent a Part of the Night in Jail

## WANTED HIS MONEY

Took Possession of Moving Picture Machine and Was Charged With Larceny

That troubles come to theatrical people as well as any one else, was demonstrated last night, when John Peel, a member of the Interstate vaudeville association which held sway at the Bosse opera house, was arrested by Policeman Joel Reynolds on a charge of grand larceny and was forced to spend a portion of the night in a cell at the jail. The arrest of Mr. Peel was caused by the manager of the company, F. S. Schmid, who alleged in his affidavit that Peel stole and carried away a moving picture machine, valued at one hundred and fifty dollars, and refused to deliver the same to its rightful owner. Policeman Joel Reynolds was pressed into service and immediately proceeded to the Park hotel, where Peel was boarding and arrested the gentleman and conducted him to jail, where he remained until this morning at nine o'clock, when he was brought down and arraigned before the mayor. Mr. Peel was represented by Attorney D. B. Erwin and the State by H. B. Heller and in a very few moments the court had all the evidence necessary and dismissed the defendant, stating that the state had failed to make a case. The evidence was clearly in favor of Peel, who testified that he was under contract with Mr. Schmid to play vaudeville and that the management was indebted to him in the sum of eight dollars and fifty cents for services rendered, and that after repeated demands for the amount, he was never paid. Last evening after the performance, he escorted the electrician of the company, who was operating the moving picture machine and asked him for the outfit which was turned over to him voluntarily and he immediately took the same to his room at the Park hotel expecting to hold the same until his salary was paid. He denied stealing the machine and stated that he never knew he was accused of the fact until he was arrested by the officer. He brought the machine into court and informed the mayor that he did not care for the same, as it did not belong to him, and he could make whatever disposition he saw fit of the same. Mr. Peel told a straightforward story which was confirmed by several other witnesses and from the appearances of the verdict the court undoubtedly was convinced. The company disbanded here last night and the various members of the company scattered in different directions looking for new jobs.

## THE CORA LAWTON-MITCHELL CO.

What the papers say about the Cora Lawton-Mitchell Co., billed to appear here for three nights, commencing Monday January 20: Michigan City Dispatch says of Cora Lawton Mitchell company in "A Woman's Revenge," which is at the Bosse opera house next week:

The production of "A Woman's Revenge" last evening at the Grand by Cora Lawton Mitchell and company was a delightful surprise to the patrons of the popular priced repertoire shows. It is far superior to anything seen here at those prices. Charles Mortimer is a fine leading man, and Charles Coon was especially excellent as the old Scotchman. There are other good members of the company and the specialties were interesting. The great Lester is a ventriloquist of extraordinary powers and the Sandow team is good."

Mesdames J. Thatcher and Charles Haviland returned to their home at Geneva this afternoon from a business trip to our city.

Miss Blanche Brown, Gladys Michael and Martha Michael, of Geneva, witnesses in the Haviland divorce case, returned to their home this afternoon.

Attorney William Drew who assisted in the defense of Grant Haviland in the divorce suit against him, returned to his home at Geneva this afternoon.

## WEATHER CHANGE DUE TODAY

According to Rev. Hicks' Who Don't Know Anything About It.

Hicks—Change to warmer with falling barometer and rapidly falling storm areas will appear in western parts on and touching the 18th. But while the first stage of the period, that is, low barometer, warmer weather and rain or snow, is pushing from central to eastern extremes, blizzardous high barometer and cold wave will have appeared, rushing down from the northwest, and before the modifying influence of the next storm period sets in, this cold wave will sweep to the south and eastward until almost the entire country will feel the icy breath of the north blast. If barometers in the gulf states are at low readings at the culmination of this period, there will be danger of destructive cold and frosts when the high barometer from the northwest reaches that region. At a seasonal crisis like this, a low barometer in the south should always excite apprehensions of coming change to colder—the cold to be in proportion to the low barometer in the south, and the advancing high barometer from the north. Seismic shakes will be reported within sixty hours of noon on the 18th.

## VAUDEVILLE HOUSE

Manager Bosse May Enter His Opera House in a Circuit

## EARLY IN FEBRUARY

Deal on With the Interstate Association Toward That End

Manager Bosse of the local opera house informed us this morning that he was endeavoring to make arrangements with the Inter-State association to put on a turn in this city twice a week, commencing in the fore part of February and to continue until spring. The company that showed last evening at the opera house was a sample of some of the material used by this association and from what Decatur people saw, they will no doubt welcome vaudeville to our city. This is the kind of entertainment that the people seem to want and as Mr. Bosse desires to be up to date he is working hard to perfect arrangements in this line. The Inter-State association is one of the best on the road and Mr. Bosse would make no mistake in closing a contract with this company. He states that he will know positively in a very few days as to what the association can do for him, and he may have some good news in this respect to spring on the people.

## COPPOCK CO.'S NEW OFFICERS

The board of directors recently chosen by the Coppock Automobile company met last evening and elected officers as follows: M. Earl Brackett, president; Fred Schaefer, vice-president; W. H. Wiley, secretary; M. Kirsch, treasurer and Mr. Coppock superintendent. These men will have control of the company during the ensuing year.

Attorney L. C. DeVoss accompanied Jesse Roop to Van Buren this morning where he will bring suit against parties there for attaching the latter's goods for debts he had contracted.

A fair sized crowd saw the Tri-State vaudeville outfit cut up last evening at the Bosse opera house and those who were in attendance were more than pleased with the time spent.

The company, although not a large one, was composed of some first class people, who handled their turns in excellent style. Each and every act was roundly applauded, and from all appearances it would seem that vaudeville would take in Decatur several times a week.

Lewis Erpelding, a lineman employed by the United Telephone company of this city at Huntington, was arrested there Thursday charged with the theft of supplies from the company's store room. About 200 pounds of copper wire were found at his home. He confessed his guilt and implicated others. A charge of larceny was filed against him—Bluffton News.

## LOST THEIR SOFA

Marshal Bohnke's Home the Scene of Some Excitement

## CAUSED BY A BOY

Struck a Match, Head Flew into the Lounge Fringe—Fire Results

The home of Marshal H. Fred Bohnke was visited by fire last evening and as a result they are losing an extra fine couch with a good sized scare thrown in for good measure. While Mrs. Bohnke was in the backyard doing some work, their little son who was in the house started to play with some matches around the couch and when striking the same the head flew into the fringe surrounding the couch and in a few seconds the same was a mass of flames. Mrs. Bohnke for some reason unexplainable, happened about that time to look through the window into the house and saw what occurred and at once rushed into the house. The boy however, had used his presence of mind and upset the couch and with the aid of his mother the same was carried out of the house, where in a very few moments it was reduced to ashes. Had not Mrs. Bohnke seen the blaze when she did there is no doubt but that a more disastrous blaze would have been the result. However, the small loss sustained is fully covered with insurance.

## A NEW NIGHT LAW SCHOOL

C. L. Walters has organized a night law school, which will meet at present on Monday evenings at his office. The first meeting preliminary to work will be Monday evening, Jan. 20th at 7 o'clock. Every one should know something of the law. The minister, the doctor, the merchant, the farmer and the mechanic should all have a knowledge of the law.

Every day serious mistakes are made which entail loss and trouble on account of ignorance upon this subject. It is not necessary that the student should follow the profession of the law. Fully one-half of the students in the law schools of the country do not expect to practice law, but are studying for a more liberal education and to prepare themselves for other vocations in life.

Students may start any time, take as many or as few subjects as they desire. We will follow a definite course such as is pursued in law schools. Written examinations at the close of each subject. The method will be a blending of the Text book, Case and lecture method. Any text book may be used. Two to six weeks will be given to a subject, enabling any one with an hour or more spare time each day to complete a course of systematic, personal instruction. The aim will be to give a practical course and will embrace from the first subject to the last, a drill in the preparation of contracts, leases, deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, notes, bonds, wills, powers of attorney, pleadings, briefs, affidavits, etc.

Forms of actions, manner of bringing suit in justice of the peace courts and in courts of record and procedure will receive especial attention.

Statement of facts in actual cases will be submitted to apply in actual practice. Students can choose their own time to study. They have the advantage of personal instruction and criticism, and the work does not interfere with the student's regular vocation.

Mrs. Margaret Huber and babies arrived from Marion this noon.

Mrs. Kate M. Busick, one of the wealthiest women of Wabash, and one of the heaviest stockholders in the Wabash National bank, was elected a director of the bank and will devote her attention to banking affairs. She was for many years interested in Jersey cattle and spoke at farmers' institutes.

J. H. McManama, the superintendent of the Peoples' Life insurance company of Frankfort, Ind., and Miss Orpha Jacobs, of Frankfort, Ind., passed through the city to Fort Wayne, to visit with friends for a few days. From the shy responses which were given, it is doubted whether she will return with the prefix of Miss to her name.

## G. R. & I. AGREE TO AID.

In Cleaning Sylvan Lake of Stumps and Weeds.

Fort Wayne January 18.—A conference was held Friday between Supt. B. H. Hudson, of the G. R. and I. railway, and Messrs. J. C. Peters, F. B. Wilt, W. S. Sponhauer and J. B. Franke, a committee representing the Rome City Cottagers' Improvement association. The object of the meeting was to obtain the co-operation of the railroad people in the movement to exterminate the weeds from Sylvan lake and remove the stumps that have been more or less of a menace to safety of pleasure seekers for many years. Mr. Hudson assured the gentlemen that he would assist in every way possible and would present the matter before the officials at Grand Rapids with the hope of securing some appropriation to help carry on the work. The improvement association already has a fund of about \$400 which will be applied in the undertaking and Secretary Wilt will issue a call for 20 per cent assessment at once so that the work of stump blasting can be pushed within the next few weeks while the lake is frozen over.

## JOY AT WHITEHOUSE

Over the Knock Out Given the Boom of Governor Hughes

## THE OHIO SITUATION

Bad Blood Between Taft and Foraker—Opposition to Grain Inspection

Washington, January 18.—There was unconcealed rejoicing about the white house over the victory of the administration forces in the New York republican county committee. The program carried out by Herbert Parsons, the chairman of the committee, and Mr. Roosevelt's lieutenant in New York, was arranged in every detail at the white house. Representative Bennett, Mr. Parsons' assistant, received his final instructions yesterday morning before leaving for New York. No concealment is now made of the fact that from this time on every effort of the supporters of Governor Hughes to push to the front his availability as a candidate for president will be resisted.

The affirmative side was defended by Frank McConnell and William Evans. The negative, E. M. Rice and Milton Fuhrman. The judges were: Miss Helen Evans, John Singleton, Miss Etta Mallonee, and decided in favor of the affirmative side. This was the closing number of the evening's entertainment, which was a pleasure to the audience. There will be no meeting on next Friday evening.

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The members of the W. R. C. enjoyed a good social session last evening, at the G. A. R. hall. After the business period to the surprise of the ladies, the members of the G. A. R. served a delicious three course luncheon in honor of the W. R. C. This was an unexpected pleasure to all present.

The members of the Ben Hur had an unusually good meeting last evening at their hall. A literary program occupied a couple of hours which proved to be very entertaining for the friends who were so fortunate as to be included as guests. The readings were splendid and the solos which were rendered were highly complimented by all. A large crowd was present.

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The floor was crowded with dancers, who tripped the light fantastic for several hours, with the music furnished by the Messrs. Willie Badgers, Barney Weitzberger, Roy Woford, and "Rasty" Witz. Not only was the dancing enjoyed but the many selections which were played were appreciated to the fullest extent. This is

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