

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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## THE FIRST WINNER

John W. Garard Gives Only Correct Answer in "Word Contest"

## MANY ANSWERS FILED

Sixty-Fourth Was Successful—Special Prize for Farmers Each Week

John W. Garard, whose answer was the 64th sent in, was the first and only person who gave the correct answer to the contest today. Others were close, having all right but one. The missing words were: "All" from Winnes ad; "Our" from Schafer ad; "know" from Mills' ad; "on" from Laman & Lee. The "our" from the Schafer ad seemed to be the hard one, taken from the sentence "oak tanned leather in all our harness."

That the missing word contest in the Daily Democrat will prove the greatest success of any novelty advertising ever offered in Decatur, was evidenced from the fact that within five minutes after eight o'clock this morning nearly a hundred replies were filed at this office and they continued to come until one o'clock, the hour when the contest closes each day. It should be thoroughly understood that this scheme is a thoroughly legitimate one, that the Daily Democrat will give at least one dollar each day to the first person who brings a correct answer to this office between the hours of eight and one o'clock. Should no one give a correct answer then the prize goes to the next day and two dollars will be given, etc. Once each week, on Wednesday, we will offer an extra dollar for the first correct answer sent from outside the city. For this special prize no one in Decatur may compete, though they may compete for the regular prize each day. Don't misunderstand this (Continued on page 2.)

## LAWYERS TROUBLE

Committee is Investigating the Charges Against Jack Graves

## MAY DISBAR HIM

Warsaw Lawyer Charged With Embezzlement is on the Carpet

Judge L. W. Royse has appointed a committee of three attorneys, James W. Cook, John A. Sloane, and Melvin H. Sumy to investigate the case of Attorney J. A. Graves at Warsaw and upon their report will determine whether or not Graves shall be disbarred from practice of law at the Kosciusko county bar. Graves is the man who made an investigation of the books of ex-trustees of Lancaster and Chester townships in this county and fled two suits against two trustees, but was unable to recover in either case. Suit is now pending against him in court here for collection of the costs of the case in Lancaster township. He was later arrested at Warsaw on a charge of embezzlement and drew a small fine and jail sentence, but was granted a new trial. Several days ago Judge Royse called the attention of the bar to the case and the general opinion was that the case should be investigated and if the committee considers the charges against Graves sufficiently grave he will be disbarred. The report of the committee and the action of the bar association, however, will have nothing to do with Graves' second trial, as it is possible he may be found guilty of practices which will not be approved by the bar association and yet at the same time not be guilty of the charge of embezzlement.—Bluffton News.

## SOMETHING ABOUT CALENDARS.

They Repeat Themselves Every Few Years.

At this season of the year when every one wants a new calendar for 1908, it may be interesting to our readers to know that if they have an old one for either the years 1812, 1840, 1868 or 1896 lying around the house, it will do just as well; also if they have their 1908 calendars they can be used again in 1936, 1964 and so on up. This goes to show that calendars, like history, repeat themselves. The year 1908 being a leap year, its calendars can be used every 28 years, but the calendar of 1907 ought to be saved for it is a useful one. For instance it was found handy in 1728, 1793, 1799, 1805, 1811, 1822, 1833, 1839, 1850, 1861, 1867, 1878, 1889, 1895 and 1907, and will be used again in 1916 and thereafter every six or eleven years, excepting when the year 2000, which, while it is divisible by four is not a leap year any more than 1800 or 1900 were, so we lose a day and then get an extra year as the result, which means a period of twelve years must elapse between the time we use the calendar before the year 2000 and the time we next use it after the year 2000.

## WAS REARED HERE

Isaac Bailey, a Native of Union Township, Died at Fort Wayne

## OF LUNG TROUBLE

Had Been in Declining Health for Several Years—Was Fifty-Four Years

A message from Fort Wayne conveys the sad news that Isaac Bailey, brother of Albert and Louis Bailey, of Union township, died at that place yesterday after suffering from consumption for several years. The deceased was born in Union township, and lived in this county for many years, moving from here to a farm near Dixon, Ohio, about twenty years ago. He engaged in farming until about eight years ago when his health became such that he was compelled to abandon this vocation and he removed to Fort Wayne, where he has since resided. The deceased was a playmate of Attorney A. P. Beatty when they were but mere boys, and was known by all the older people of the county. He has been in feeble health for several years and the news of his demise will not cause surprise among those who were acquainted with his physical condition, although it will cause most poignant sorrow among his many friends in this city and vicinity. Mr. Bailey was about 54 years of age and is survived by a large family.

## DEWITT MILLER TO LECTURE.

Under Auspices of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus lodge have arranged for a series of lectures to be given at the Bosse opera house and which the public will no doubt appreciate as the lecturers are kings of the platform. The first event will be a lecture, "Love, Courtship and Marriage," sparkling with wit and humor by that great master of eloquence, DeWitt Miller. He appears February 25th and should be greeted by a packed house.

At a recent meeting of the Adams county poultry association, D. M. Rice was re-elected president; Fred Bell, vice-president; Charles Magley, secretary; Thomas Durkins, treasurer. C. D. Kemble, superintendent of poultry department; Alfred Debroit, asst. supt. Dr. E. H. LeBrun, supt. pet stock dept.; W. A. Fonner, S. S. Mumma, C. H. Oetting, Harlo Mann, Martin Gerke, Harry E. Butler and C. D. Kunkle executive committee.

Miss Vinnæ Bailey, of Reading, Mich., will arrive in the city tomorrow evening for a visit with Mrs. Earl Peters.

Levi Nelson, of the north part of the city, was seized with a severe stroke of paralysis this afternoon and his condition is alarming.

Rev. Richard Spetnagel, of Rockford, Ohio, will conduct services at the Presbyterian church here Sunday as a candidate for the Decatur pastorate.

## A PLEASING EVENT

"An Evening With Tennyson" Was All That Was Claimed for It

## AT LIBRARY HALL

Misses Miller and Elliott Proved Their Ability as Entertainers

At the library hall last night a large audience was royally entertained by Miss Grace Miller, formerly of this city, and Miss Elliott, of Chicago, who presented "An Evening with Tennyson" in a clever manner. Miss Miller, who has for years been a favorite singer in this city, opened the entertainment by singing from Tennyson's lyrics as follows: (a) "The Brook," Dolores; (b) "The Milkmaid's Song," Footie; and "The Bugle Song," Metcalf. In each of these Miss Miller did splendidly and was forced to respond to an encore. Her singing surpasses any that has been heard in the city, and all Decatur can well be proud of this accomplished musician. Miss Elliott, recognized among the foremost readers of the country, recited the oftold story of Enoch Arden, Annie and Philip, displaying every expression true to the situation as they presented themselves and the musical setting by Strauss added to the pathos of the story. Miss Elliott has won a home with Decatur people and the combination of she and Miss Miller, can certainly prove entertaining to any audience. The affair was given under the auspices of the Euterpean society, the members of which worked hard to make it a success, and their efforts were crowned by an abundance of success both in a social and financial way. The Misses Miller and Elliott left this morning for Elkhart, where they will conduct a similar entertainment this evening.

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH.

There will be an English divine service at our church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Congregation and pastor extend a cordial invitation to the public to come to this service.

J. H. KLAUSING.

## SUMMER SESSION

Farmers Will Hold Institute Picnic Near Berne this Summer

## THE NEW OFFICERS

Ed S. Moses Chosen as President Again—the New Organization

The last business transacted by the Farmers' Institute association last evening was the decision to hold a one days' summer institute, in the form of a picnic. This event will be held at or near Berne, some time during August, the exact date to be decided by the president. The association formed at the conclusion of the program yesterday includes thirty six members and these men expect to increase the association several fold by next year. The election of officers resulted in the selection of Ed S. Moses for president, he defeating Fred Bell in a close race, Charles S. Mumma, secretary, Mrs. Ed Lyons, assistant secretary and Joseph S. Lower, treasurer. The vice presidents chosen were: Union, Jacob Koos; Root, Fred Bell; Kirkland, V. Linker; Washington, Daniel Erwin; St. Marys, E. W. Dalley; Blue Creek, E. W. Ray; Monroe, Charles Lammiman; French, H. O. Grove. The vice presidents from the other townships will be selected by the presidents. The institute this year was the most successful ever given here the average attendance being about 300. The foreign and local lectures were excellent and every portion of the program was enjoyed.

## PROPER BURIAL FOR SOLDIERS

A United States Act Governs This Act of Respect.

Robert Blackburn, the pension attorney, has called our attention to the following United States act approved March 9, 1907, and which may not be generally known to be in force: "It shall be the duty of the overseers of the poor in their respective townships to look after and cause to be buried by the undertaker designated by the family if any, or the nearest relatives of the deceased, in a decent and respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground, within this state, other than those used exclusively for the pauper dead, at an expense not exceeding \$50, the body of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who may have at any time served either as a regular or volunteer soldier, sailor or marine, who shall have died a resident of this state, not leaving means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. If necessity requires it they shall, in addition, purchase a burial place in the most accessible cemetery."

## ALL FOR BRYAN

Those That Are Against Him Are for Him Says Rayner

## REPORT ALDRICH BILL

Commercial and Manufacturers to Bombard Congress

Washington, January 31.—Senator Rayner, of Maryland, has for nearly a year been the ring leader in the movement to prevent the nomination of William J. Bryan for president. He is now ready to admit that it is impossible to sidetrack the Nebraskan. When asked for his views in the light of recent developments he said: "You will recall the fact that last summer I wrote several articles, the object of these articles being to blaze the way for some consensus of opinion as to who would be the proper candidate for our party. My efforts did not materialize I tell you now that I do not see the faintest sign of any organized opposition to the candidacy of Mr. Bryan in any state of the Union."

Washington, January 31.—The Aldrich financial bill, which has been in the hands of the committee on finance since its introduction in the senate on January 7, was reported by Senator Aldrich. The various amendments which have been published from time to time appear in the bill, although in general character the bill remains the same as when introduced. There has been an effort on the part of the committee to emphasize the emergency nature of the act that is proposed and to this end various amendments are inserted in the bill which are intended to cause speedy issuance of additional currency when a stringency occurs.

Washington, January 31.—The commercial and manufacturing organizations of the country will next week begin to bombard congress in favor of legislation creating a tariff commission. A committee representing nearly all the large organizations of this description in the country will assemble here February 4 and will call on President Roosevelt, Speaker Cannon and a large number of influential senators and representatives for the purpose of asking favorable action on a tariff commission bill.

## BUYS HOME AT FORT WAYNE.

Judge Erwin Enjoying a Lucrative Practice There.

Judge Richard K. Erwin, who recently formed a law partnership with Homer Underwood at Fort Wayne, succeeding Judge Heaton, has purchased the Benjamin F. Streifling residence on Archer avenue, in that city, the consideration being \$4,500. He will remove his family there in May. The judge has been enjoying a splendid practice since establishing at Ft. Wayne and is more than pleased with the outlook for the future.

## IT WILL SPARKLE

"A True American" Monday Night Will Prove Entertaining

## SPECIALTY PROGRAM

Includes a Number of the Newest and Most Up-to-Date Songs

"A True American" is a bright and sparkling comedy with tuneless and catchy music to enliven it. The musical numbers have been selected with care from the latest popular music and every number should be a big hit. The program contains the following:

1. "Won't You Take a Little Walk With Me".....Miss Bryanson and Mr. Wemhoff.
2. "An Indiana Travesty".....Mr. Clayton Carroll and Indians
3. "They All Look Alike to Mary".....Mr. Wemhoff
4. "It's Lonesome tonight".....Mr. Clayton Carroll
5. "Much Oblige to You".....Mr. Clayton Carroll
6. Trombone Solo.....Mr. Jesse Sellemeyer
7. Trombone Solo.....Mr. L. A. Holthouse
8. "Neath the Old Acorn Tree Sweet Estelle".....Company
9. Finale. "I'll Be Waiting for You Dearie When You Come Back Home".....Company

The proceeds are for the benefit of the Pocahontas lodge. Admission 25c reserved seats at usual place. Board opens at 8 a. m. Monday and six tickets will be the limit that any one person may have reserved at one time. Children under twelve will be admitted to the gallery for 15 cents, provided they purchase their tickets at the door. The ladies earnestly solicit your patronage and guarantee you satisfaction. Remember it, Monday night.

Tomorrow being the twenty-fifth anniversary of John Henry and Mrs. Josephine Bremerkamp's marriage, the silver wedding will be celebrated at St. Marys church at six o'clock a. m. standard time.

## BIBLE LECTURES

Dr. Wilcox on The Chosen People in Three Lectures

## BEGINS SUNDAY NIGHT

These Special Services Will Be Appreciated by Our People

During the month of February, Dr. C. B. Wilcox will deliver three Bible lectures on "The Chosen People," which will be followed by a sacred concert by the Methodist Episcopal choir. These numbers will be given on Sunday nights beginning with Sunday, February 2nd. Great crowds have heard these lectures in the past and it is believed that the Methodist church will be packed at each of these special services. The numbers will be given in the following order.

Sunday evening, Feb. 2.—Bible Lecture. Theme: The founder of the chosen people and the organization of the tribe.

Sunday evening, Feb. 9.—Bible lecture. Theme: The Capture and escape or exodus.

Sunday evening, Feb. 16.—Fourth quarterly meeting sermon by Dr. C. U. Wade, presiding elder of Fort Wayne district.

Sunday evening, Feb. 23.—Bible lecture. Theme: The Golden Age.

Sunday evening, March 1.—Sacred concert by the Methodist Episcopal choir.

These special services will be followed by the Fort Wayne district conference on March 2, 3 and 4, which will be the most important church gathering in Decatur since the meeting of the annual conference some years ago.

## MAKES A MASTERLY PLEA.

District Attorney Jerome Closed the Thaw Case.

New York, Jan. 31.—William Travers Jerome, representative of the people, made a masterly plea yesterday that justice be done in the case of Harry Kendall Thaw. Vindictiveness, sneers, insinuations, all were lacking; logic, analysis and calm consideration of the facts were their substitute. It was no blind appeal for the vengeance of the law that Mr. Jerome addressed to the jury, but ever and always there was the note of fairness, even at times of mercy. The time that has elapsed since the first trial had wrought a wonderful and startling change in the prosecutor. No longer attempting to shield the name of Stanford White he accepted the story told by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw as true, all but the drug-ging, and he made the frank confession to the jury that the velvet swings and mirrored rooms of the studios as described was indeed a miserable reality. No longer attacking Evelyn Thaw as a skilled adventuress, Mr. Jerome pleaded for the girl because she never had had a chance for any of the higher, cleaner, sweeter things of life.

## COUNTRY PARTIES

A Surprise on John Weber Last Evening—A Carpet Rag Sewing Bee

## OTHER SOCIAL DOINGS

Pocahontas Lodge in Regular Session—Big Surprise at the Bryant Home

John Weber was the victim of a surprise last evening given by his sisters, the Misses May, Dora and Bessie Weber, in honor of his twenty-eighth birthday anniversary given at their parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Weber. The party of young people met at John Schurger's home and proceeded from there. After arriving, they played ten games of progressive pedro. Miss Rose Colchin lead the ladies in having highest score, while Ed Parent captured first prize among the young men. The second prizes were won by Miss Mayme Appleman and Mr. Frank Gillig. The hostesses cleared the small tables and an elegant three course luncheon was served, then dancing was the closing number for the guests who were: Misses Rose Colchin, Emma Gillig, Agnes Gillig, Anna Schurger, Tena Schurger, Lola Baker, Vena Parent, Mayme Appleman, Beronita Brickner and Miss Seliter, of Ohio; Messrs. Will Kuebler, Harmon Gillig, Frank Gillig, Fred Schurger, Harve Baker, Frank Baker, Ed Baker, Alvey Baker, Joe Appleman, Ed Parent, Joe Wolpert and Fred Colchin.

The day was spent very pleasantly last Wednesday at the home of Otto Bleekers, on rural route eight, where a crowd of fifteen young ladies gathered for a carpet rag sewing. At twelve o'clock they were called into the large dining room, where the hostess, assisted by her daughter Della Holle, served an elaborate dinner of all the "goodies" of the season. After the dinner they sewed until 3:30 o'clock, finishing up the sewing. A running race was the next feature in which Miss Blanche Reinling proved to be the champion in running. After the race they all left for the barn, to see who was the heaviest, and it was the first time that the scales reached two hundred. After the splendid exercise, they returned to the house and were served a dainty luncheon before departing for their homes.

The members of the Pocahontas lodge held their regular meeting last evening. An excellent program was rendered. The main number was a talk given by A. P. Beatty, on the life of Pocahontas. This was certainly fine, and each one who had the great privilege of hearing the talk was well pleased. After this the degree staff practiced and a few minutes of a social chat followed.

Miss Louise Holbrook was a charming hostess at the meeting of the Pastime club last evening. Fancy work was the chief occupation for the evening. (Continued on page 2.)

## FILED AFFIDAVIT

Don Gorrell Makes the Charge Against Men Held as Murderers

## AT FORT WAYNE

Attorneys Insist That the Affidavit Be Filed at Once

The following affidavit has been filed in the Croy murder case at Fort Wayne:

Don C. Gorrell, being duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says: That Fred A. LaDuke, John Baker, John Stout and Herman Miller, on the 7th day of June, 1907, at the county of Allen, and State of Indiana, did then and there unlawfully, feloniously purposely and with premeditated malice kill and murder one Columbus Croy, by then and there feloniously purposely and with premeditated malice shooting at and against the body of said Columbus Croy with a certain deadly weapon, commonly called revolver, then and there loaded with gun powder and leaden ball, and then and thereby mortally wounding the body of said Columbus Croy by shooting said leaden ball at, against and into the body of said Columbus Croy, of which said mortal wound the said Columbus Croy died.

Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

DON C. GORRELL.

The filing of the affidavit followed a demand of Attorneys Wilmer and Elmer Leonard, acting for Baker and Judge R. K. Erwin, representing Miller, that some sort of affidavit be filed. The attorneys for the two men held a consultation yesterday regarding the advisability of insisting upon a preliminary hearing, but when informed by Prosecutor Albert E. Thomas that an affidavit would be forthcoming immediately, they agreed that nothing further will be done before Monday at the earliest.

## NOT IN THE RACE

Congressman Adair Puts Himself Out of the Running

## CARRY OUT PLEDGE

He Will Not Seek the Nomination for Governor

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Congressman J. A. M. Adair will not be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. The formal statement permitting the use of his name, which has been expected for a long time, will not be forthcoming.

Mr. Adair defined his position: "The people of my district elected me to serve them in congress," he said, "I promised them when I was running for this office that if they elected me I would perform the duties of the office faithfully and punctually. I am going to carry out that pledge to the letter."

"If I were to make the race for the nomination for governor it would be necessary for me to spend a considerable part of my time prior to the convention in Indiana. My time belongs to my constituents and I shall spend every available minute of it looking after their interests in Washington. While I would accept the nomination for governor if my party called me, and would do so with a firm conviction that I could be elected, I shall not be a candidate."

The Indiana democratic congressmen are watching the gubernatorial developments in their party with interest. Congressman Dixon is in favor of the nomination of L. Ert Slack, of Franklin, for that office.