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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

Decatur hospitality is now directed toward the many visitors of the cloth who are coming to attend the Methodist district conference. It will be a great time for Methodism in Decatur, but the lines of hospitality will not be permitted to be drawn with any one church or any one class of our citizenship. Every one has a glad hand which they extend arm's length to every stranger, and it is hardly necessary to add that all are welcome.

The keys of the city—but it is hardly fair to talk of any irreverence. Let it suffice that all are welcome, thrice welcome.

The Wells county Democrats had a house warming Saturday in the organization of their county committee, at which time C. H. Plessinger was elected chairman and George L. Saunders, secretary. The meeting was characteristic of the many that are being held in Indiana this year, and which are a correct barometer of the victory that is coming.

W. Lea Smith, county auditor, has been selected as chairman of the Jay county Democratic organization. He is a strong man, a good politician and will warm up the boys there to a fare-you-well.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Fannie Meyer was born May the 14th, 1826, in Ober Endingen, Switzerland. Here she received her

secular and religious education. In the year 1857 she accompanied her mother, her father having died some time before, to America. This same year she was united in marriage to Mr. Jacob Meyer. This union was blessed with seven children five of which preceeded her to eternity. With her husband she came to Adams county, and settled on a farm, where they have since lived. Her husband died about nine years ago. About five weeks ago she took seriously ill with a complication of disease, which soon brought about her demise. She passed away on the evening of Feb. 27th, 1908, having reached the goodly old age of 81 years, 9 months, 13 days. There remain to mourn her loss two sons and their families, a brother and a sister and many friends.

"Oh, deem not that earth's crowning bliss
Is found in joy alone;
For sorrow, better though it be,
Hath blessings all its own;
From lips divine, like healing balm,
To hearts oppressed and torn,
This heavenly consolation fell,
Blessed are they that mourn."

"UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES."

The fate of a new play is always anxiously awaited by every one concerned in its production. For it is a well known fact that the success or failure of a play can never be positively determined until the public has a chance to pronounce a verdict. Many plays produced with high hopes and often at great expense do not meet with popular success and are quickly shelved. When a play lives through six seasons and enters upon a seventh, with crowded houses greeting it everywhere, there can be no doubt that it has effectually caught the fancy of the theater goers. Such a play is Lottie Blair Parker's "sophomore drama, "Under Southern Skies." From its first presentation at the theater Republic (now the Belasco theater), in New York City, the play has drawn large and delighted audiences. Time seems only to increase its popularity and each succeeding visit shows its drawing powers on the increase, testing the capacity of the theaters. Few plays of southern life have won such popularity as "Under Southern Skies" which will be the theatrical offering of Manager Bosse at the Bosse opera house tonight.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

Notice is hereby given to the property owners whose lots and parcels of land abut on the alley commanding in the alley on the north line of Monroe street in said city, between First and Second streets to the south line of Jackson street and there to terminate, also commanding at the alley at the west line of First street running thence west along the alley between Monroe and Jackson street to the east line of Second street and there to terminate. That the common council of the city of Decatur, Indiana on the 18th day of February, 1908, duly passed and adopted a resolution to improve the alley, commanding in the alley at the north line of Monroe street in said city between First and Second streets to the south line of Jackson street and also commanding at the alley at the west line of First street running thence west along said alley between Monroe and Jackson streets to the east line of Second street with first class number two paving block. That on the 17th day of March, 1908, at 7 o'clock p.m., the council will at the council room, hear all persons whose property is effected by the proposed improvement and will decide whether the benefits that will accrue to the property to be assessed abutting and adjacent to the proposed improvement and to said city will be equal to or exceed the estimated cost of the proposed improvement. By order of the common council made and entered of record this 18th day of February, 1908.

CARL O. FRANCE,
2teachw3w City Clerk.

SENSATION SEED OATS.

I have for sale 80 bushels of Sensation seed oats, known as a heavy producer. See sample at Daily Democrat office. Call C. H. Oetting phone 1A or write him R. F. D. No. 1, Decatur, Indiana.

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D. E. STUDABAKER, Prop.

Phone No. 300

R. R. No. 3, Decatur



A Scene in "Under Southern Skies"

OLD AND YOUNG

Are Claimed Alike by the Grim Reaper—Two Deaths Occur

MRS. HOFFMAN DEAD

At Age Seventy-Five and Baby Mary Ewell Aged But Five Days

Mrs. Margaret Hoffman died at the home of her son in Preble township, Saturday morning at eleven o'clock, after suffering for three weeks from lagriple and other ailments. She was seventy-five years, eight months and fourteen days old and was born in Germany. When about two years old, she came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beiberick, to America and located in this county, where she has since resided. Her life has been a noble and busy one and her acquaintance extends over the entire community. Her children who survive include John Hoffman, of Preble township, Daniel, of near Freidheim, Martin of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Witte and Mrs. Kert, of Nebraska. Rev. J. H. Klausing will have charge of the funeral, which will be held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock from the Preble Lutheran church.

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