

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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## NO FALLING OFF

The Decatur Factories Are All Doing a Thriving Business

## IT CUTS NO FIGURE

About the Money Stringency With the Reliable Decatur Concerns

Although many factories in towns and cities in this section have withered before the mighty sweep of the money stringency and as a consequence their doors were closed and many men thrown out of employment and every institution located within the boundaries of our city has retained its self same methods of doing business and the laboring man has not suffered to any extent. To the contrary some of our business concerns have experienced increases in their business as compared with former years. This is welcome news and is conclusive evidence of the best of financial circumstances as well as to demonstrate the heavy demands of their output. The Decatur Filler factory has, during this winter, at times operated day and night in an effort to manufacture enough goods to keep in pace with the orders that arrived daily. The Eagle foundry continues to do a flourishing business with quite a number of men on their pay roll.

The Decatur Furnace factory continues to do a thriving business. Manager M. F. Smith is securing orders from many of the surrounding cities as well as from far off states and this institution has a promising future. Their furnace is pronounced the best and most serviceable and this accounts for their rapid progress.

The new Atlas boiler purchased by the Decatur Packing company has been installed and will be in use in the near future. It has a large capacity and was just the thing needed to complete the equipment of this concern. Artificial ice will be manufactured by this concern this summer and they expect to have ready buyers for same.

The Krick & Tyndall tile mill is running at full blast and with the installation of their new Corliss engine their equipments are modern in every respect. Tile of all sizes are being manufactured to meet the heavy demands. The brick yard will also start in operation in the near future and many men will be on their pay roll this summer.

The Coppock Motor Car company is among the most aggressive institutions in our city. They have three of their celebrated commercial cars under construction, which will be completed by the fifteenth of this month and buyers are awaiting their completion. "Old Betsy" the car that made the trial trip to Cincinnati has been sold and delivered to a Logansport man. The Coppock Motor Car company will enlarge its manufacturing facilities in the near future.

With twice as many orders on hand as can be filled for several weeks, the Ward Fence factory is operating day and night in hopes of meeting the large demand for its output. Work on the new buildings will ensue within the next few days and when completed will be occupied at once. This institution does a great business and will be valuable to Decatur.

## CLARKE'S LECTURE TOMORROW.

Brilliant Indiana Lawyer Will Appear Here.

The seat sale for Hon. George E. Clarke's lecture began today and a good sized crowd is assured this famous Indian when he appears at the Bosse tomorrow night. Every citizen of Decatur should hear him. The Record says of him: "Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr were vividly brought before us last night by Mr. George E. Clarke, lawyer and lecturer. Burr's brilliancy and ability were beautifully told. His faults were not condoned, but his memory was relieved from many aspersions which perhaps are without foundation. The question of his attempt to found another government was discussed. His subsequent European trip was graphically described. The audacity of the great statesman to the hour of his death typified the iron nerve that characterized the men of his day and time."

## HE HAS NEW SPECIMEN.

D. M. Hensley Mounts Black-Crowned Night Heron.

Jeweler D. M. Hensley has added another specimen to his large collection and the new acquisition is a valuable one. A gentleman by the name of Gardner, who lives in New York City, while traveling about the gulfs in that vicinity captured a black-crowned heron and sent the same to Mr. Hensley. The bird stands nearly two feet in height and they are rarely seen in this country. Mr. Hensley will have the new specimen on display in a few days.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

Fiftieth Day of February Term Which Closes Next Saturday

## THE NIBLICK CASES

Further Issues Completed Today—Two Cases Dismissed—Other Items

The monthly report of County Clerk Haeffling shows that during the month of March eighteen marriage licenses were filed.

This was the fiftieth day of the Adams circuit court, February term. The term closes Saturday and a week's vacation follows, the April term opening Monday, April 13th. The term just closing has been one of the busiest in several years.

Benjamin Sholtz vs. Samuel Tumbleton et al, suit on note \$85, cause submitted finding for plaintiff in sum of \$56.71, cause continued until April 27, as to M. G. Tumbleton.

Judge Macy, of Winchester, was here today hearing further action in the Woods-Niblick cases. In the cases of Emanuel Woods vs. Christena R. Niblick, admx., claim \$3,000, E. Woods, surviving partner of E. Woods & Co. vs. Christena R. Niblick, admx., claim \$73,900, E. Woods, surviving partner of Woods, Morris & Co. vs. Christena R. Niblick, admx., claim \$3,000, the following entry was made in each: "have granted the defendant to file additional paragraph of answer on or before April 20th." On that date Judge Macy will return to hear further making of issues.

The case of Otto Bolds vs. Juday & Co. et al, injunction, was dismissed the costs being paid.

Edward Hamill vs. Otto Bolds, replevin, pending on motion for new trial, dismissed and costs paid.

Charles E. Meyers, guardian for Richard P. Meyer, filed an inventory and a petition to sell real estate, which was approved and T. H. Ernst and J. H. Stone were appointed appraisers.

A marriage license was issued to Joseph D. Swartz, aged twenty-two, and Ada Mazell, aged twenty-one, both of Monroe township. Both are members of the Amish church.

Will H. Foughty has through his attorneys, Peterson & Moran, filed suit for a divorce decree which will legally separate him from Emma Foughty. The parties were married November 2, 1904, and lived together until December 28, 1905. On that date the defendant wholly abandoned plaintiff and has since lived apart from him. A plain divorce is asked.

On an average of one a week for the past month there has been a mail sack destroyed near the G. R. & I. station in Geneva. The mail men throw the sack out carelessly from the train without sufficient power to get it away from being drawn underneath the train and as a result the sack and mail is frequently torn to pieces and destroyed. Better discontinue this night mail service if they cannot handle the mail properly. —Geneva Herald.

## ASK AN ELECTION

To Vote Five Thousand Dollars to the Ft. Wayne & Springfield Railway

## MEETING LAST NIGHT

It Takes this Amount to Buy Right-of-Way in Washington Township

An interesting and enthusiastic meeting was held at the Commercial Club last evening, at which time the further extension of the lines of the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway company were discussed. The officials of the railway intend to build the lines to Berne this year, and have asked Decatur to secure for them the right-of-way to Monroe. Berne business men have already nailed down this right of way from Monroe to Berne. A committee has covered the ground and agreed on a price with the landowners which approximate \$5,000. It is the intention to circulate a petition and ask the commissioners to call an election in Washington township, with a view of voting \$5,000 to the company to pay for this right-of-way in said township. The universal opinion as expressed at the meeting was that it was the fair and honest method. The building of the line will be of universal benefit to both this city and the lands through which the line passes. The tax to pay for this right-of-way will be so small that no taxpayer can afford to identify himself against it. The petition will be presented to the board of commissioners when they meet on Monday, and it is hoped that the date of election will be arranged for some time the latter part of next month. The petition for election is in the hands of J. T. Meyers, C. F. Teeple and W. P. Schrock.

## SOON A BENEDICT

Andrew Welfly Will Marry a Prominent Valparaiso Girl

## WILL LIVE HERE

Ceremony Will be Performed in the Near Future in this City

Andrew Welfly, one of Decatur's most popular men is soon to become a benedict. Yesterday morning he closed a deal whereby he came in possession of the Charles Railing property in the south part of the city and he will make his future home at that place. Mr. Welfly is engaged in the insurance business in this city. He is enjoying a liberal patronage responsive to his upright principles and courteous treatment. He moved from his farm to this city and since he has boarded at the Coffee & Rinehart restaurant. He is a good whole souled fellow and is liked by every one who knows him. His bride to be is Miss Mecka Bowers, of Fort Wayne, a prominent young lady who is held in the highest esteem of all who know her. She has recently made her home at Valparaiso, but is at her home at Fort Wayne now taking care of her mother. Just when the marriage will take place is not as yet definitely known, but it is thought that the ceremony will be performed in the near future. They will immediately after the ceremony take possession of a newly furnished home.

## LUMBER MEN MUST GO TO JAIL.

Toledo, O., March 31.—The circuit court has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the cases of the 20 prominent lumbermen of Toledo, who last July were sentenced to the workhouse for six months under the Valentine anti-trust law. The supreme court having decided in the ice trust cases that imprisonment must be in county jail instead of workhouse, the lumbermen were sent to the lower court for re-sentence. The lumbermen comprise the wealthy and leading citizens of Toledo.

## A LITTLE DAUGHTER IS DEAD.

Three Year Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Koenig Died Yesterday.

News was received last evening that Mary Elizabeth Koenig, the little three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Koenig, of St. Marys, Ohio, had died yesterday afternoon at three o'clock after an illness of about two weeks, death being due to malaria fever which later developed into catarrhal pneumonia. Mr. King is vice-president and general attorney for the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway company and is well known here. The parents are almost heart broken over the sad death of their baby girl, who was the light and joy of the household.

## HAVING TROUBLES

Local Option a Thorn in the Republican Side this Week

## THEY ARE DIVIDED

Argument Becoming Heated Among the Advance Guard

Indianapolis, March 31.—Local option, the question which kept the Democratic committee on resolutions up all night before the state convention is giving the republicans here for their state convention, Wednesday and Thursday, no end of concern. The Democrats were no more divided on the subject than are the republicans. Brewery activity, which was centered last week on the Democratic convention, is this week centered on the republicans. An all-night session of the resolutions committee, a split among the members with a report from each side and a hard fight on the convention floor—these are within the range of possibility. Between those who wish the strongest kind of a local option plank and those who wish no declaration of the kind on the subject, there is any number of differing opinions. The matter has not yet been taken up formally by reason of the fact that the committee on resolutions is not yet named, but groups in the lobby and visitors to the headquarters are talking and arguing and doing what they can to promote their individual ideas on the subject. From this mass of talk are gleaned the following different ideas for the temperance plank:

1. Local option, with the county designated as the unit, the proposed law to supplement and reinforce the remonstrance law.
2. Local option, with a unit no larger than a ward or township, the proposed law to supplement the remonstrance law.
3. Local option, either by counties or by wards and townships, with no reference whatever as to the relation of the proposed law to existing temperance laws.
4. Local option by counties for those counties not containing cities of the first, second or third classes, and by townships and wards for those counties containing such cities, the proposed law to repeal the Moore remonstrance law.
5. No local option declaration at all, but an indorsement of the remonstrance laws and a declaration for high license.
6. No temperance plank of any kind, inasmuch as the present legislation is sufficient, or because the party should not recommend laws restricting personal liberties.

## COMPLETING ARRANGEMENTS.

Anderson, March 31.—The members of the various committees having in hand the preparations for the entertainment of the Northern Indiana conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which meets in this city this week, and to which delegates began to arrive today, have been very busy completing the arrangements for the event. The district comprises all that part of the state north of a line running east from Indianapolis through Greensburg, Cambridge City and Richmond, and east of a line running north from Indianapolis through Logansport, Rochester, Plymouth and South Bend. The territory is divided into six districts, which are presided over by elders.

## OFF FOR ANDERSON

Dr. C. B. Wilcox Left this Morning for Anderson to Attend Conference

## A PROSPEROUS YEAR

In This City and His Work in the Decatur M. E. Church Was Pleasing

Dr. C. B. Wilcox left this morning for Anderson, where he will attend the annual conference. He will not return until next Monday or Tuesday, and there will be no church held next Sunday morning or evening although Sunday school will be held as usual. The usual prayer meeting will be held tomorrow evening with W. J. Meyers in charge. It is sincerely hoped that Dr. Wilcox is returned to this charge and a petition to that effect has been presented to the conference, signed by the official board. Dr. Wilcox has pleased all who have heard him by his interesting and educating talks. He has made more than one thousand pastoral calls and has well taken care of the financial interests, including the benevolences, which aggregated more than seven hundred dollars for the current year. The running expenses of the church, including the pastor's salary, electric lights, janitor, repairs and the ladies work amounts to \$3,500 per year and this sum of money was readily raised by the large number of members of the church. Nearly six hundred members are enrolled on the church record. This year has been a marked success under the leadership of Dr. Wilcox. Mrs. D. W. Beery and daughter Marie, Mrs. F. H. Nichols and Rev. B. Earl Parker also went to Anderson this morning to attend the conference.

## ANOTHER SESSION

The C. W. B. M. of Christian Church to Have Splendid Meeting Thursday

## WITH MRS. MCKINNEY

An Excellent Program Has Been Prepared for the Occasion

Another important meeting of the C. W. B. M. of the Christian church will be held at the home of Mrs. McKinney Thursday, April 2, at 2 p. m. and an interesting session is assured. The C. W. B. M. is an auxiliary to the general missionary society and the members are fulfilling their mission in the heroic work they represent. Several mission stations and industrial homes are maintained by the tireless work of the ladies organization and much credit falls due to them. Their meeting scheduled for Thursday will in more than one way be among the most interesting ever held and each member should be present to enjoy the excellent program which will be rendered as follows:

Topic for study: Our work at Jhansi and Kulpahar, India.  
Song: Bible lesson; Responsive reading of Isaiah xxxv.  
Circle of prayer for India and our missionaries there.  
Readings on the topic in Missionary Tidings for March.  
Reading: "The Children's Crusade," Merle Burd.  
Readings: "Boy wanted," "Girl wanted," "Jesus wins them."  
Reading: "The Humanness of Helena."

Business period.

Miss Winifred Johnson returned to her home at Williams, after visiting here with her aunt, Mrs. Fred Tague.

C. L. Walters' law school met, regular session last night and an interesting meeting was enjoyed by the students.

Marshal Bohnke dealt out the death blow this afternoon to two dogs that have been causing trouble about the Murray hotel.

## PREFERRED DEATH TO PRISON.

Knowing that he was facing certain conviction on the charge of attempting to murder Jerry Woodward, Harvey Jones, the Poneto man, decided he would rather end it all than spend the greater portion of his life in a felon's cell, and committed suicide by taking thirty grains of morphine some time between Friday night and Saturday morning in a room on the third floor of the old Harmon house, at the corner of Calhoun street and the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at Fort Wayne.—Bluffton Banner.

## SOCIAL LIFE QUIET

A Few Informal Events Among the Young People of Decatur

## SEVERAL CLUBS MET

Miss Studabaker Entertained the A. H. C.—Lodge Meetings Announced

The second section of the Presbyterian Aid society will hold a market each Saturday during months of April and May, beginning Saturday April 4. At Gas office on Monroe street. The market will be open from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. They will have for sale lemon, chocolate, raspberry, cherry, cream and mince pies, doughnuts, cookies, bread, white and dark cake, cottage cheese, hominy and nice fresh eggs.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid will meet in church parlors Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m. Madames Al Gardner, Hoyer, Ashbacher, Miss Alban and Cramer, hostesses. Cordial invitation is extended to all ladies and their friends.

Surprised, yes, the members of the Pocahontas lodge who are noted for their surprise parties and good times gathered at the home of Mrs. Charley Johnson, of north Third street last evening and held an old-time surprise party. Games and a delicious luncheon occupied the evening's pleasant hours. The guests who responded to the call were as follows: Messrs. Bain, Reuben Lord, Jacob Eady, Lewis Wise, Mr. William Darwacter, Mrs. Julia Amsbaugh, Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. Alice Alice Brokaw, Mrs. Sadie Cowley, Mrs. Katherine Christian, Mrs. George Kinzie, Mrs. Newton Parrish, Mrs. Emerson Beavers, Mrs. Anna Yahne.

Miss Hattie Studabaker pleasantly entertained the young ladies of the A. H. C. club last evening in compliment to her niece, Miss Harriett Morrison, who is home from Glendale to spend her spring vacation. The members of the club who were delightfully entertained were the Misses Helen Niblick, Inez Snellen, Ada Murray, Bessie Boyers, Lucile Cusac, Leota Bailey, Frances Dugan, who has been attending school at Ferry Hall, Chicago, Ill., and is home on her spring vacation.

The Misses Ada Murray and Inez Snellen will be hostesses at an evening party given Thursday evening at the home of the latter in compliment to the Misses Frances Dugan, Harriett Morrison and Jean Lutz, who are home from Oxford, Ohio. The guests of the evening will be the A. H. C. club.

The members of the I. O. O. F. lodge held their regular weekly meeting at their hall last evening. There were no initiations on account of the illness of the candidate, but will be next Monday evening.

The K. of P. lodge will give the first, second and third degrees to their candidates Wednesday evening at their hall.

Another evening party which will be given for the Misses Jean Lutz, Frances Dugan and Harriett Morrison, will take place Friday evening at the home of Miss Bessie Boyers, who will entertain the A. H. C. club.

Mrs. T. W. Watts will entertain the (Continued on page 2.)

## IS STILL IN MEXICO

Mrs. Morrison Writes Another Interesting Account of Her Travels

## IN MEXICO LAND

Something About the Government, the Churches and Things in General

Mexico City, Mex.  
Dear Folks:—It is so hard to get a letter written and what I send is a perfect scrawl. It is hard to decide what to tell when there is so much. The everyday street scenes are full of strange sights. Indian women with all sorts of baskets and bundles on their heads—vegetables, flowers, fruits, water jars—immense loads, and they do not touch them generally and walk swiftly along the street. Men carrying immense loads on their head or back. I have seen a dozen men always Indians, with handfuls of twigs tied together sweeping the streets. A man with a bucket of water and a tin cup sprinkling the main streets. We see loads of sugar pressed in large cones wrapped in blue paper, by the dray load on the streets. This is broken in pieces and we have it on the table at the hotels. It is not white, but a sort of dirty color. Said to be pure sugar. Our coffee is made very thick and black. The waiter comes with two coffee pots. One is coffee which he fills your cup as full as you wish, the other boiled milk, which he adds as you like. We never see cream. Fruit is plentiful and cheap. You can buy oranges, delicious sweet ones, for half a cent each. Flowers are abundant. Great bunches of violets eight to ten inches each bunch in diameter. Beautiful roses for a song. Bunches of poppies as big as a half bushel for 25 cents. Immense wreaths, as big as wagons wheels, of fresh flowers can be bought in the flower market. Any and every flower you wish, pansies, violets, roses, lilies, everything. Then the vegetable markets are a great sight. We went to what is called the "Thieves Market." It used to be a great institution, but now does not amount to much. We went to the national pawn shop too. I must tell you about it. It is called the "Monte de Piedad." It was founded by a Spaniard, and opened its doors February 25, 1776. He was the owner of the great mines of Real del Monte near Pachuca, and he endowed this pawnshop with \$300,000, and put it under government control. It was intended to protect people from the usurious charge of the pawnbrokers, who I guess in all ages and countries have been sharks. At first no interest was charged on the loans, expecting that when the pledge was redeemed a small gift would be made for charitable purposes, but that did not work, so they found it necessary to charge a small interest. So low are the charges it is a great boon to the people, and the rules for redemption are easy. When the interest on an article fails to be paid, it is exposed for sale at a fixed price. When the loan is made it is valued by an expert. If it is not redeemed, a price is set on it for sale, and if it is not sold at the end of a month it is reduced in price, again at the end of the second or third month, when it reaches the price of the original loan and interest. If it sells for more than the loan and interest, the difference is given to the borrower. In 1814 by bad management the capital was reduced, but later the deficit was made good. Again in 1884 the capital was again impaired, and has not yet reached its original sum. It is a most interesting place to visit I think. There are many very fine churches in the city, and many others have been closed by the government. The Monasteries and convents have been suppressed and the monastic orders driven from the country. I can see why. The churches and convents were once like ant hills. American Roman Catholics and Mexican Roman Catholics are as different as white and black. The Mexicans talk publicly of things that make one's hair stand on end. I say "it is not that way in the States." In some things conditions are dreadful here. The hospitals are poor, except the American. They say that often the sick do not even have beds to lie on. There are many founding asylums throughout the republic. A bell is rung at night (Continued on page 2.)