

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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## RED LETTER DAY

Was Sunday at Evangelical Church—Attendance Was Large

## TWO GOOD SERMONS

Rev. W. S. Tracy Spoke at Morning Service and Rev. Metzner in Evening

Sunday was an interesting day for the Evangelists. The first meeting of the day opened with an unusually large attendance. So interesting was each service that the time simply slipped away. The Sabbath school reached its climax both in numbers and eagerness in the lesson study. It was certainly delightful to look upon such a well filled house of people, little and big, assembled for Bible study. The morning service, conducted by Rev. Tracy, of Bippus, Ind., was the sweetest yet. He chose for his theme "Power for Service," based upon Acts 1:8. He spoke of man's weakness sin. Of his strength by the infilling of the Holy Spirit. After the sermon a beautiful duet was sung by Mrs. Eugene Runyon and Miss Bessie Baumgartner. During the rendition of this heart-searching song a number came forward to renew their consecration and also to seek a deeper spiritual life. The Y. P. A. was well attended, Bro. S. C. Cramer ed a very helpful discussion on the subject "Commanding our Society—by Diligent Committee Work." After the young peoples service, Bro. Metzner, of Huntington, Ind., spoke to a full house. He read a part of the thrilling story of Jonah's attempt to escape from the call of God to duty and from this deducted his theme "The Sin of Disobedience." He said a large proportion of sin can be traced back to the act of disobedience. Man may disobey for some

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## AN IMPORTANT DAY

This is the 146th Anniversary of the Discovery of America

## WILL BE CELEBRATED

By the Knights of Columbus of Decatur on Wednesday Night

On October 12th, 1492, or 416 years ago, Christopher Columbus and 120 men, natives of Spain, discovered this great continent, reaching an island, afterward known as one of the Bahamas, and which the great discoverer called San Salvador. This wonderful event has never been made so great a holiday as many of our others, but is each year becoming more so, principally through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus. This great order is this year celebrating the historical event all over the country and in the larger cities with due honor. In Decatur, the occasion was manifested from the red, white and blue bunting displayed from the knights' lodge room and on Wednesday evening the event is to be celebrated by the rendition of an appropriate program at the hall. Rev. Father George and Charles J. Voglewede are the committee and are planning for the event, which includes an address by the very able Father Hanahan, of Van Wert. No holiday in the year's calendar seems of so great importance to the young people as the discovery of this fair and each year, greater land, and we hope to soon see the day one of the grandest holidays of the year.

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Miss Rose Christen, of the First National bank bookkeeping force, left last evening for Muskogee, Okla., where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank E. France, for several weeks. During her absence her place at the bank will be filled by Mr. George Wilson, of Bluffton.

## OSSIAN GETS ANOTHER REUNION

Thirty-Fourth Regiment Will Meet There Next Year.

Ossian will not only entertain the veterans of the 160th regiment of the Spanish-American war, but also the veterans of the 34th infantry of the civil war. At the reunion held Friday in Portland, Ossian was chosen as the next place for the reunion. The meeting will be held there the first Thursday and Friday of October, 1909. The 160th veterans will meet there the first Thursday and Friday in September in 1909. There was a large crowd of veterans at Portland and all had a good time. The Ossian veterans turned out in large numbers and this fact is responsible for the bringing of the next reunion to that place. The selection of Ossian is satisfactory to the Adams county veterans.

## SALE OF TICKETS

Began Today for "A Bachelor's Honeymoon"—By Pythian Sisters

## WILL BE A SUCCESS

From Present Outlook—Occur One Week from this Evening

Today the Pythian Sisters began an aggressive campaign to sell the tickets for "A Bachelor's Honeymoon," or "The Three Twins" their local talent benefit play at the Bosse opera house next Monday, October 19th, and the ladies are deserving of every success as they will present a big city show at a nominal price. "A Bachelor's Honeymoon" is a musical farce comedy, possessing delightful wit and humor and the action is bright, quick and full of snap and "go," while the music is all new, up-to-date stuff with the jingle that gets into the feet and makes you want to whistle it. The cast and big double chorus of young ladies and gentlemen numbering about forty voices are busy rehearsing and the chorus grouping and poses are exact reproductions of some of the big hits in "The Mimic World," "A Yankee Prince," "Miss Hock, of Holland" and other shows equally delighting large audiences in the big cities. No expense will be spared to make this play the event of the season. Gorgeous and beautiful costumes to delight the eyes, rollicking, dashing, sparkling music to please the ears combined with the funniest, brightest and most vivacious humor of this particular clever comedy all tend to make the Pythian Sisters benefit the most mirth-provoking entertainment ever seen in the Bosse show shop. The ladies earnestly solicit the patronage of the public, the price of tickets will be twenty-five cents and are advertising them extensively. On Thursday evening, Hon. A. O. Marsh, of Winchester will speak at the court house in this city on the issues, and it is expected that a good sized crowd will hear him. On Saturday one of the big events of the campaign will be pulled off at Berne, when Governor J. Frank Hanly will speak there, Judge Vesey, candidate for joint senator, will also speak and N. B. Hawkins, candidate for congress will also be present. Mr. Vesey will meet the governor at Bluffton and convey him to Berne in his automobile and after the speech will take him through Decatur to Fort Wayne, where he speaks in the evening. However he is not billed for a speech here, and it is not stated whether or not he will stop here. The Berne meeting is to be enlivened by music by a Portland glee club and a boys' martial band and fireworks are promised for the evening.

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## WHAT LADIES DO

Woman's Home Missionary Society of M. E. Church Had Annual Meet

## AT THE M. E. CHURCH

Three Excellent Talks Were Given During Course of Meeting

## The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church, a really noble organization, held their regular annual thank offering service at the church last evening. A large number of the admirers of the society were present and thus spoke encouragement to the course represented. Mrs. John Niblick signaled the opening of the services by reading the scripture lesson, followed by a short but interesting talk by Rev. Wilcox in which he told of the achievements of this band of women. He revealed the fact that 125,000 Christian ladies of the M. E. church north, belonged to the society and were engaged in a work for the betterment of humanity. This talk teemed with brilliant logical thoughts. Mrs. John Niblick then gave the history of the local organization, told of the many institutions they aided to support and in fact touched upon many of the vital points of the society. Mrs. Daniel, in the closing address appealed to the people for their support in the great movement and demonstrated why the support was deserved. The progressiveness and subsequent achievements of these ladies is not to be underestimated. By a perfect organization plan and arduous labors, they have become the owner of more than \$1,000,000 worth of property which has been appropriated for the redemption of souls. Long may this society live, that its influence will continue to be felt over the United States.

## BERNE'S BIG DAY

Governor J. Frank Hanly to Be There Saturday

Afternoon

## TO DELIVER SPEECH

Judge Vesey and Uncle Nate Hawkins—Judge Marsh Here Thursday

The republicans have two campaign meetings planned for this week, and are advertising them extensively. On

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## THE RALLY DAY SERVICES

At First Presbyterian Church Were Well Attended.

The rally day services at the First Presbyterian church Sunday were very successful from the Sunday school to the evening sermon. At each service the church was well filled and the program was of unusual interest. At the morning hour, Rev. Richard Spetnagle, the pastor, preached a most interesting sermon from the subject, "The Gospel of the Leaves, an Autumn Message," the elder people of the congregation being special guests. At the evening service the pastor began a series of sermons on "Bible Heroes," and again the commodious church was filled with an attentive audience, each of whom appreciated the interesting and instructive sermon.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

Coroner Files His Report On Death of Asa J. Wherry

## CASES THIS WEEK

Three Are Set for Trial—One Cause Dismissed—Other Items

Causes set for trial this week are; Penina Silvers ex parte, Tuesday; Benj. Habegger, admr., vs. John B. Duer, intermeddling, demand \$700, Wednesday; Jennie Christman et al vs. A. C. Alexander, partition, on Friday.

Clara Eckhart vs. Marion, Bluffton & Eastern Traction company, damages, appearance by A. P. Beatty for plaintiff.

Christ Hoffstetter vs. National Supply Co., et al, injunction, demurrer to complaint sustained; leave granted to amend complaint.

Coroner J. C. Grandstaff filed his inquest report on the death of Asa J. Wherry, finding that he came to his death by being crushed in a disc harrow, incidentally, the head and thoracic cavity being badly crushed, pulmonary hemorrhages resulting in death. The lower maxillary bone was fractured in the center.

Sadie Buhler vs. Louis Case, breach of promise, rule to answer absolute within five days.

State ex rel Attica Bridge Co. vs. Calvin Miller et al, suit on bond, dismissed and costs paid.

Dr. Shoop Medicine Co. vs. Marion B. Stout, acct., appearance by A. P. Beatty for defendant.

John M. Wells, guardian for Oral and Alta Pontius, filed a petition for sale of household goods, granted, and public sale ordered after ten days' notice.

Letters were granted to Joel Liddy as administrator of the William G. Hill estate and bond approved.

Real estate transfers: William C. McKinney to John N. Springer, pt. lot 290 Decatur, \$1,050; C. W. Boknecht to Jacob A. Blew, pt. lot 726 Decatur, \$300; John Simison to Fred Liddy, 50 acres in Hartford tp., \$4,600.

## TOUGH WEATHER FOR WHEAT

And It's Most Too Late Now Even if Rain Come.

Had the weather bureau purposely framed weather for the discomfort of farmers in this county, it could hardly have succeeded better than does the present climatic conditions in inconveniencing agriculturists. It has been expected that a large amount of wheat would be sowed this fall, but this was impossible for a long time owing to the dryness of the soil. Taking advantage of the slight showers which struck the county two weeks ago, the farmers hastily prepared their ground and sowed the wheat. So slight was the rain that it was soon dried away or had sunk into the soil and many fields of wheat are yet bare because the seed did not germinate. Even should the rain fall within the next few days, some fields of wheat would present a checkered appearance and it is now too late to sow the cereal.

## MEETING TONIGHT

At the Court House

Speeches by the Well Known Jurists Edward O'Rourke and R. K. Erwin

## NO DEVELOPMENTS

In the Wolfe Murder Case—Report on Post Mortem

Today

## IS NOT MADE PUBLIC

Will Be Given in Coroner's

Report the Last of

the Week

There seems to be no new developments in the Wolfe murder affair. The physicians, Dr. C. S. Clark and Dr. P. B. Thomas, who held the post mortem examination, will probably report to the coroner, Dr. J. C. Grandstaff, some time today, but this will not be made public until the last of the week, when it is filed in connection with the coroner's report. Much interest will center in this as the coroner's report is of considerable importance in such a case. The excitement concerning the affair that was so noticeable for a few days, seems to have subsided somewhat, and there will probably be but little comment heard from now on until the trial of Wolfe is called, which is likely to be several months from now. The grand jury which convenes the first Monday of the November term of court, will fully investigate the matter and will probably report as to the facts, with an indictment of some kind. The trial is very likely not to occur before the February term of court, though it may occur some time during December or January. Wolfe is still in jail and no effort having been made to secure his release, so far as learned.

There may have been some, but I did not meet them. In coming from Michigan, the conductor of the train was a taciturn individual. There was a railroad official aboard. Some of the other railroad men told me the conductor was for Taft. When I got off at the station I happened to pass this conductor. He smiled and remarked: "There is a lot of these fellows around here that think I am going to vote for Taft, but I'd see him in —." The conductor did not finish his remark, but shook my hand and walked away. Of course that incident is not particularly important, except to point out that it is very difficult this election to count on every man considered a Republican to vote for Taft. I was told that on a train on which I traveled in Virginia that out of nine trainmen, six of them who had formerly voted the Republican ticket would this year vote Democratic. That is but another straw and yet significant. At the meeting at Atlanta, Ga., I determined to try an experiment. There were perhaps 4,000 people in the audience of all shades of political belief. I began my speech by calling attention to the many great men who had been produced by the state of Georgia. I dwelt on each one pronouncedly and the audience expressed a friendly appreciation by applause. I then mentioned Thomas Watson, Populist nominee for president. I spoke of the brilliancy of Mr. Watson, of his really meritorious achievements in literature, of his large literary grasp, his keen powers of analysis and criticisms, etc. The silence was painful. I then mentioned that remarkable orator and brilliant newspaper writer, John Temple

## QUIET WEDDING SUNDAY.

Ceremony Was Performed at the Evangelical Parsonage.

Harvey Gay and Goldie Drake were united as husband and wife Sunday morning at 9:00 in the Evangelical parsonage by the Rev. D. O. Wise. The groom is the son of Mr. George Gay, a well to do farmer living about four miles east of Decatur. He is a fine young man and admired by those who know him. The bride is the daughter of John Drake, also a farmer living east of Decatur. She is a noble young lady, somewhat reserved, but admired by many. May their wedded life be one of happiness and success.

## TOOK A STRAW VOTE

The Enquirer Makes a Canvass as a Test

BIG BRYAN GAIN

Ninety-Six Republicans Out of Two Hundred and Fifty Will Vote for Marshall

Cincinnati, October 10.—Richmond, Ind., is included in the Enquirer's straw vote results published today. A general canvass of the city was made and much interest was taken in the vote, it was reported. All classes of voters cast their ballots, and the figures, about 400 voters, give a good line on the drift of sentiment in that city. Taft received the most votes, 250; Bryan, 145; Debs, 12; Hisgen, one lone vote, but no one ballot was cast for Chafin, the Prohibition candidate. For the state ticket, however, one man voted for prohibition, 6 for the Socialist ticket, 142 Republican and 222 Democrat. For the national ticket, 46 of the men who cast their ballots for Bryan voted the Republican ticket at the last presidential election. The Republicans gain only two Democratic votes, and the Socialists gain the same number of Prohibition votes. For the state ticket the Richmond straw vote shows that ninety-six Republicans will change their votes to the Democratic side, while only one Democrat goes to the Republicans. Five who voted for prohibition last June will vote with the Republicans. The Cincinnati voters in today's statement are those of the Central Labor Council and the American Tool Works. In the council five Republicans will change to Democrats and one Democrat to Republican. At the tool works sixty-four Republicans will change to Democrats on the national ticket and fifty on the state ticket.

## KERN IS AT HOME

Returns from a Campaign Tour of the South

## LOOKS DEMOCRATIC

Thinks a Great Political Revolution is in Progress

Indianapolis, Oct. 12.—John W. Kern