

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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## FILED INVENTORY

Showing Valuable Holdings  
of the Late Robert B.  
Allison

## VALUABLE STOCK

Personal Property Alone  
Shows Rock Bottom Value  
of Over \$100,000

E. X. Ehinger and C. S. Niblek, as appraisers, have filed an inventory of the personal property held by the late Robert B. Allison, showing that his cash, notes and stock alone aggregated to over a hundred thousand dollars. It should be remembered too that this inventory is an estimate on the value of this goods at immediate sale, if same was necessary, which, of course, is not true, and that in reality the value of the property is really nearly a half more. Besides this Mr. Allison owned valuable real estate, including the big store block here worth from \$60,000 to \$75,000, also several valuable farms, land in Texas and a beautiful summer home at Oden, Michigan, also other property. The inventory shows that at the time of his death, Mr. Allison's holdings included \$5,116.19 cash in bank; 333 shares of stock in the Bankers' National bank of Chicago, listed at \$56,277; 150 shares of stock in the First National Bank of Marion, Ind., valued at \$21,000; 100 shares of stock of the Citizens' Telephone company, Decatur, \$1,200; 300 shares of preferred stock in the Portland Cement company, of Jackson, Michigan, valued at \$3,000; also stock in the Columbia club, of Indianapolis, various other concerns and held a large number of first class mortgage notes. It is very noticeable that all of Mr. Allison's holdings were of high grade, showing his carefulness in business matters. His estate will perhaps aggregate a quarter of a million dollars.

RED MEN TO DINE CHILDREN  
Greenfield Lodge Will Feed More  
Than 150 on Thanksgiving.

Greenfield, Ind., Nov. 12.—The local tribe of Red Men is preparing to feed 150 poor children of the city with a Thanksgiving dinner. It has been the custom of this order for fourteen years to give a Thanksgiving dinner for the poor children and they have come to look forward to it. The lodge has more than 600 members who donate everything necessary for the dinner and no one not a member is allowed to help. The finest the season affords is placed before the children and from fifty to 100 basketfuls distributed among the other poor of the city. This year several of the great officers of the state will be present and also the chief officer of Ohio to get ideas.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

Marriage and Hunters' Li-  
censes Are Still in  
Demand

## THE OTHER ITEMS

Judge Merryman Home  
from Winchester—Real  
Estate Transfers

A marriage license was issued to Harvey E. Jackson, 22, a switchman, whose home is in St. Marys township, and Louisa A. Drake, 23, of Union township.

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Sheriff Eli Meyer and his deputy, Ed Green, have been busy this week, serving the grand and petit juries. The former will report next Monday and the latter two weeks later.

The various trustees and assessor recently elected are filing their bonds with Auditor Lewton and nearly all have already reported.

## CATTLE FEEDERS' CONVENTION.

It Will Be Held at Purdue University  
November 20.

The second annual convention of Indiana Cattle Feeders has been called by W. S. VanNatta, president, to meet at the agricultural building of Purdue university on Nov. 20th at 10:00 a.m. The program will include an inspection and discussion of the university show herd of prize winning steers, short talks by prominent practical cattle feeders, a report of the station worn with beef cattle during the past year, and a visit to the experimental feed lots where one lot each of calves, yearlings and two-year olds will be started on feed to determine the influence of age on the profit in feeding beef cattle, four lots of two-year-old steers used to determine the value of different rations, and two lots of short-fed cattle, one of which was started on feed Aug. 1st and will be shown at the International. All of these cattle will be valued by commission men from Chicago and Indianapolis for the benefit of the feeders present. It would amply repay every cattle feeder in the state to attend this meeting this year on account of the relatively high price of feeds, and obtain much valuable information.

After having lasted more than a week, the strike which involved all the boys in the Wabash college save four and more than half the girls in the department, has been settled and the students are back in school. The trouble arose when Principal Brady forbade the organization of a football team.

## SOME CLIMAXES

Are Expected to Develop in  
the McCarthy Divorce  
Case

## IN JAY COUNTY

First Discussion of Issues—  
Cause is Before Judge  
Macy

The Rev. W. E. McCarthy divorce trial, which is expected to develop in many sensational climaxes and will quite likely be heard by a large array of citizens, was taken up on issues in the circuit court Thursday morning with J. W. Macy, of Winchester, presiding as special judge, says the Portland Sun. Mrs. Isabelle McCarty, the plaintiff, is being represented by Ex-Judge E. C. Vaughn and Henry Eichhorn, of Bluffton, and E. E. McGriff, of this city, while the defendant, Rev. W. E. McCarty's interests are being looked after by the law firm of Snyder & Smith. The case promises to be a hard fought one on both sides as the complainant, which is extremely sensational in its allegations, also involve an anti-nuptial contract entered into by the couple just previous to their marriage. It also alleges mismanagement of the wife's business affairs agreement entered into before the marriage, was to act as her agent in the collection of money due her on the rental of her property. Thursday morning the defendant's attorneys proceeded with the issues in the case by filing a motion to strike out and dismiss certain parts of the complaint. This, however, was overruled by the court and a second motion was filed wherein the plaintiff was asked to make other allegations in the complaint more specific. This was submitted and sustained as to certain paragraphs of the charges embodied in the original complaint and overruled as to all others. A demurmer to the complaint was then filed and after being overruled the case was continued. The exact date for the trial was not made known but it is expected to be held during the present term of court.

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## A LUCKY ESCAPE

Eli Levi, Living Near Berne,  
Received Part of Contents  
of Shotgun Shell

## ON WEDNESDAY

While Hunting—The Shot  
Scattered, Much to the  
Luck of the Man

Eli Levy, residing near Berne, had a miraculous escape from death Wednesday afternoon due to the scattering of shot discharged from a shotgun which was pointed directly at him, and as it is he is suffering from slight wounds which were inflicted by stray shot. Levy and a Mr. Dustman with several others were assisting in baling hay on the John H. H. farm. A mishap to the press necessitated a delay, hence the men decided to take a hunt. They reached a corn field when a covey of quail flew up and without noting that Levy was in the direction of the quail, Dustman discharged the gun. Cries of distress were heard following the report and upon investigation Levy was found to be injured by a portion of the contents of the shell. Three shot pierced his forehead above the left eye, one shot pierced the neck dangerously near the jugular vein, two passed entirely through his clothing and entered his side. Mr. Levy and his brother hastened to Bluffton, where two physicians cared for the injuries. The shot were removed from the forehead, but the remainder could not be located readily and were not removed. In the absence of complications, the wounded man will soon recover.

## CHECK GAME IS WORKED.

Two Shelbyville Butchers Suffer at  
Hands of Smooth Forger.

Shelbyville, Ind., Nov. 12.—An affable stranger worked off two forged checks here yesterday on unsuspecting business men. The man appeared at the butcher shops of Charles Sindlinger and F. L. Bogeman. He made small meat purchases at each shop proffering in each instance a check for \$14 signed by J. H. Allen. The checks were accepted without question. When the checks reached the First National Bank they were found to be forged. It has been learned the man operated in Grafton earlier in the week, where he passed a \$14 check on the Third National Bank of that town.

## THE NEW OFFICERS

Governor Hanly Issues Is-  
sues Commissions to  
Them

REFUSED DELAY  
Asked to Delay the Issue of  
Commissions But He  
Refused

Indianapolis, Nov. 13.—Following the final canvass of the vote of the state in the recent election in the governor's office, Governor Hanly yesterday signed commissions to all of the newly-elected officials except Thomas R. Marshall, the Democratic governor-elect. A special commission is being arranged for by Harry Slough, clerk of the state printing board, for Mr. Marshall. It will be larger and of a more elaborate design than the commissions issued to the other state officials. The canvass of the vote was completed in short time. Governor Hanly refused further delay to the Democrats, represented by Congressman Lincoln Dixon and Judge Joseph Shea of Seymour. It was contended by Mr. Dixon that investigations by the Democrats show many mistakes and more time ought to be allowed for further investigation. Governor Hanly asked Messrs. Dixon and Shea if they knew of any other errors that were not then at hand, but the Democratic representatives could not then say so. Although no definite announcement was made yesterday and no notice of an appeal was given in any way, it is likely the Democratic state committee will contest the election of George W. Self and John C. Billheimer and possibly others before the legislature. Stokes Jackson, Democratic state chairman, was out of the city yesterday. Joe Reiley, secretary of the Democratic state committee, said he did not know whether an appeal would be taken to the legislature. Leading Democrats, however, expressed the opinion that State Chairman Jackson would carry out his announced intention of contesting every election where he thinks there is a chance for a Democratic state candidate.

INDISCREET, NOT IMPRUDENT  
Is Verdict in Trial of Rev. Harter at  
Poneto.

Poneto, Ind., Nov. 12.—A verdict was returned at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon in the case of the Rev. S. F. Harter, pastor of the Mentone M. E. church of the Wabash district, who was tried before a church tribunal on two charges, infidelity on the first count and imprudent conduct and conduct unbecoming a minister on the second count. The committee of five ministers who heard the evidence returned a verdict of not guilty, the verdict of innocence applying to both charges. After the verdict of acquittal the committee gave the additional finding that the Rev. Harter had been guilty of indiscreet conduct, but that is not punishable under the church code of laws.

## LAST DAY OF SALE

Ladies Who Conduct Bazar  
Have Realized a Neat  
Sum of Money

BY THEIR EFFORTS  
They Have Sold Wagon  
Loads of Goods—Many  
Were Made Happy

Tomorrow is the last day for the ready-to-wear sale which has been conducted by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church for the past two weeks. The sale has been doubly successful. These ladies by unceasing efforts have created a fund of about \$100 and in doing so have clothed many people at a cost so meager that people with the most limited means could afford to obtain warm clothing. Hundreds of people have bought goods and went away rejoicing. They received more than doubly what their money called for as a consequence of the charity scheme inaugurated by the ladies who are sensitive to the wants of less fortunate people. It is needless to say that the organization has sold wagon loads of clothing for each article brought such a small amount that the sale of a hundred dollars worth meant that much goods was disposed of. Tomorrow the closing day is to be the best of all. The ladies expect to reduce prices on all the clothing, hats, etc., to the minimum. They will not permit any one to leave without clothing on account of lack of a little money. Besides they will have a market and sell all kinds of baked goods. Let it be understood that none but the worthy poor whose circumstances demand aid will be extended courtesy by the ladies, but those worthy, regardless of church affiliations, who cannot support themselves will be given help. A society with such a great work at heart is a credit to a community. Their movements in the charity world even of the past two weeks will be remembered for years to come and if this is not an examination of Christianity in its true definition let some one step forward and explain why.

NICE TO LIVE IN A CITY  
And Talk About Your Rural Friends  
Dismally.

The Fort Wayne News, in answering a statement in a Bluffton paper, concerning the assembling of stolen horses in Allen county, thus slurs the people who live in smaller towns and rural districts:

Nearby papers are very fond of accusing Fort Wayne of sheltering an organized gang of horse thieves, within the magic circle of which it is but necessary for a thief to come to insure his absolute protection against all the king's and all the king's men, whether represented by the force of Sheriff Grice or Chief Ankenbruck. This magic circle, according to these rural critics, extends for a distance of a number of miles from the city and over into Ohio. The accomplices are perfectly organized, as the corn-shock dope goes, possess the sagacity and shrewdness of a modern novel hero and have perfected a system of underground trail destroyers that is insurmountable.

After giving the Bluffton article, the News continues:

Sheriff Grice, when asked about the statements, said: "I would not pay any attention to those things, but they have come to my notice simply because of their prevalence and persistency. During the four years of my office there have been ninety-six horses stolen in Allen county and ninety-two of them have been recovered. I will also state that at least 50 per cent of the thieves have been captured and made to pay the penalty. The facts speak for themselves. It is hardly worth while to say that the story of a conspiracy existing in Allen county is not worthy the imaginings of a child."

Mrs. T. L. Miller and infant daughter left this morning for Marion, where they will visit with her parents until after Thanksgiving. Mr. Miller is obliged to remain in this city and keep bachelor's hall in the interests of the Clover Leaf railroad, but he has planned to spend his Sundays at Marion.—Bluffton News.

## IS DEADLY SWEEP

Typhoid Fever in All Its  
Severity Casts Gloom in  
Another Household

## A FAMILY VICTIMS

Mrs. Martin Reinking and  
Family Suffer Ravages  
of Dread Ailment

Judge W. J. Vesey arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon from Buffalo, where he had been representing local claims against the stock-dealing firm of Christian F. Pfeiffer & Sons, which is alleged to have been wrecked by Stephen Pfeiffer, now said to be a fugitive from justice. Judge Vesey says that while the Fort Wayne banks are amply secured in their loans, a number of Northern Indiana stock dealers who had consigned live stock to the firm for which no return was made will in all probability lose the greater portion of their accounts. It is now estimated that the liabilities of the firm will reach \$90,000, with assets of about \$60,000. It is understood that four shippers have filed affidavits against the young man who is yet in hiding.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

ASKS DAMAGES FOR SLANDER  
Charles Sweet Sues Prosecutor Bres-  
nahan for Defamation.

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 12.—Prosecutor A. J. Bresnahan of Dowagiac, Mich., the young attorney who had charge of the state's case in the Metzger "Merry Widow" murder trial at Cassopolis, Mich., last spring, has been made defendant in a \$10,000 suit for damages, brought by his opponent in the late election, Charles Sweet, who charges him with slander which stock was disposed of to the highest bidder.

The Schleiferstein sale, conducted at the C. D. Lewton farm north of the city, was a howling success. Valuable

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH.

English services at our church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Text No. 119, 105. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." The theme of the discourse will be: "The Word of God is the only light that will lead us to Heaven." Everybody is most cordially invited to attend. J. H. Klausing, Pastor.