

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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## GONE TO THE EAST

John Hocker, of Monroe to Superintend Construction of Patent Sharpener

## WHICH HE INVENTED

With the Co-operation of Mr. Smith—He Left for Pyke, New Hampshire

John Hocker, of the firm, Hocker & Smith, recently of Monroe, who several weeks ago disposed of a lawn mower sharpener patent to a Pyke, N. H., firm for \$17,000, has gone to that place to take charge of the factory in which the device will be manufactured. After securing the patent the eastern firm deemed it advisable to engage the services of Messrs. Hocker and Smith to superintend the manufacture of the valuable article which they had invented. They were so anxious to employ these gentlemen that an offer of \$100 per month and all expenses was made to each of the gentlemen. Mr. Hocker accepted immediately and left a few days ago for the eastern city to assume his position for which he will receive the handsome salary. Mr. Smith, however, found it impossible to leave for the reason that his mother is quite ill and although he has practically refused the offer, he may in the future accept should the condition of his aged parent improve. It is quite likely that Mr. Hocker will remove his family to Pyke and remain there permanently.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

Judge LaFollette, of Portland Assumes Jurisdiction in Claim Case

## CUPID IS BUSY

License Issued to Another Couple Past Three Score and Ten Mark

A motion to retax costs in the case of Drucilla Mentzer vs. Clarence Hicks and Orin Miller, was overruled and thirty days' time granted defendants to file bill of exceptions.

Dr. S. K. Christy vs. Benjamin Habbeger, admr. of the Caroline Duer estate, claim allowed by agreement in sum of \$27.88.

Anna Sheline vs. Ludlow Sheline, divorce, answer filed in one paragraph. Cross complaint filed; rule to answer, cause continued by agreement.

D. E. Scott vs. L. A. Graham for accounting, demurrer to answer overruled.

Judge J. F. LaFollette, of Portland, was here today and assumed jurisdiction in the case of Charles Page vs. Christina R. Niblick, admx., claim \$6,500, which has been assigned to him.

State vs. Jeff Klopfenstine, selling liquor to minor, plea of guilty, fined \$20.00 and costs.

State vs. Curley Kirchner, selling liquor to minors, plea of guilty, fined \$20.00 and costs.

State vs. Edward Murray, bartering pool checks for beer, plea of guilty, fined \$20.00 and costs.

E. Burt Lenhart, has been appointed guardian for Samuel Railing, an habitual drunkard and filed bond for \$1,200 signed by P. G. Hooper and J. S. Durkin, petition filed by guardian and granted leave to accept \$500 note and mortgage as a part of bonds bequest under will of Susan Glass.

Just at present it seems that cupid (Continued on page four.)

## FILES REPORT ON BIG DITCH.

Engineer Rights at Columbus Favors Seven-Mile Improvement.

Columbus, Ind., Nov. 19.—County Civil Engineer W. H. Rights today filed his report with the county commissioners showing the amount of benefits and damages to be assessed on the Haw Creek ditch, which is by far the largest ditch ever projected in this county. The ditch, which will not be completed before next spring, will be seven miles long, will drain 30,000 acres of the best land in the county and will be built at a cost of about \$30,000. The ditch is intended to straighten Haw Creek in a number of places by changing its channel. The engineer's report showed that \$475 damages to be assessed.

## LOST HIS FORTUNE

Mayor Johnson, of Cleveland, Now a Poor Man

## LOST ALL AROUND

Many of His Business Ventures Went Wrong

Cleveland, November 20.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson, for years reputed to be a millionaire several times over, announced that his entire fortune had been lost. He said that he would be compelled to give up his home in Euclid avenue, and also to dispose of his automobiles. He added that a large part of his fortune had been spent in an effort to save the properties left by the late Albert Johnson, his brother. "My efforts to keep up my dead brother's estate for his widow and children have cost me a great deal of money. I don't care to say how much," said the mayor. It is stated that Mayor Johnson lost approximately \$400,000 this year in connection with his interests at Lorain, O. The Depositors' Savings and Trust Company, of which Mayor Johnson was president, passed into the hands of two local banking concerns on Monday last. A few days prior to the bank transfer, the Municipal Traction company, of which Mayor Johnson was treasurer and chief promoter, went into the hands of a receiver in the federal court. It is said that the mayor's banking concern was transferred because of threatened suits against him on notes which he had endorsed for various companies in which he was interested. It is also said that a New York financial institution held a \$30,000 note endorsed by Johnson, on which suit was threatened unless the same was paid forthwith. Asked if he would really have to give up his home as a result of his financial troubles, Mr. Johnson said: "Yes, I'm going to move. I can't afford to keep the big house in Euclid avenue now. As soon as I can find a smaller house that we like we are going to take it. I am going to ride on the street cars, too. The automobiles will have to go with the rest." Referring to his efforts to obtain 3-cent fare, Mr. Johnson said: "I have never made a single penny out of the street railways since I became mayor. Nobody else has worked as hard as I, and I have not drawn a cent of pay from the Municipal Traction company as treasurer. I don't propose to ask for a cent for my work in helping the receivers. I have never spent money in politics, in no campaign have I ever paid more than my assessment, \$600, on the \$6,000 salary of mayor."

## BOWLING TEAM WAS DEFEATED

Lost to Spencerville Boys—Return Game Next Week.

A team of bowlers went to Spencerville, Ohio, last evening, where they met defeat at the hands of the team of that place, losing by sixty-eight pins. The total results of the games were as follows: First game—Spencerville 865, Decatur 882; second game, Spencerville 872, Decatur 789; third game, Spencerville 875, Decatur 873. Grand total—Spencerville, 2,612; Decatur, 2,544. The Ohio-boys will come here next week for a contest, playing in the afternoon and evening and the locals expect to secure sweet revenge.

## LOSS WAS HEAVY

Bert Lynch's Handsome New Home at Jonesboro Badly Damaged

## BY MONDAY'S FIRE

Interior of Home and Furnishings Ruined—Loss Several Thousand

The fire yesterday afternoon which damaged very heavily the handsome home and furnishings of B. G. Lynch, on south Main street, was much more serious than was thought at the time of going to press yesterday. The loss will probably amount to several thousand dollars instead of several hundred as reported yesterday. The home and furnishings are comparatively new, having been occupied only about one year, and everything is elegant and expensive. The insurance on the building is \$6,000, and on the furniture \$2,500. Mr. Lynch was asked by a reporter for The News this morning as to what he estimated his loss, but at the time he had not made an estimate of the damage. It is safe to say, however, that almost everything in the building is a total loss. It is not known definitely the origin of the fire, but it is supposed to have originated from some defect in the furnace. At the time of the arrival of the fire department, the building was in flames, and the smoke was so dense that it was impossible for the firemen to enter the building and they were compelled for a time to fight the flames from the outside. Another obstacle they had to combat with was the scarcity of water, the pump at the station breaking, and for several minutes there was no water at all. At the time of the fire there was no one at home, Mr. Lynch being at the factory, and Mrs. Lynch being at the home of her mother, Mrs. Holt-house, the fire being discovered by a negro across the street—Jonesboro (Ark.) News.

## BUY TURKEYS HERE

Wells-Fargo Company Give Order for 105 Thanksgiving Birds

## FOR THEIR MEN

Decatur Produce Company Will Send Them Out Next Monday

For many years it has been the custom of the Wells-Fargo express company, on each Thanksgiving, to give to each of its employees a turkey and a pair of oysters, that they may feast and be thankful. This year is no exception, and this year too, the turkeys for this division of the road are to be purchased here. H. S. Wilson, the local agent recently received an order that he purchase the turkeys here for one hundred and five men. This he has done, the order going to the Decatur Produce company who have selected splendid birds for the men who handle the express. The turkeys will be sent out from here Monday and the boys along the line from Marion to Chicago will receive them in plenty of time to assure them that they have been properly cared for. Those in Decatur who will be remembered are Mr. Wilson, Ben Elzey and Bruce Christen, the night man. It's tough luck that we can't all work for the Wells-Fargo.

## INSANE SCIENTIST INSURED.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 19.—It was made known here that Prof. Mark W. Harrington, formerly of Ann Arbor, who was reported found this week in a New Jersey asylum after being missing for ten years, carried an endowment life insurance policy for \$10,000 in a Michigan company, which matured Oct. 8, this year. A friendly suit to determine Mrs. Harrington's application for payment was in contemplation when the professor was reported discovered. Mrs. Harrington and an uncle of hers in Illinois kept up the payments.

## BROWNSBURG HAS HARD GAME

Meets Oakwood High for State Title Tomorrow Afternoon.

Brownsburg, Ind., Nov. 19.—The Brownsburg high school football team meets the Oakwood high school team of West Lafayette on the local grounds Saturday. Brownsburg realizes that this is the hardest game of its schedule and that the winner of this game will have the best claim to the state championship of any team in the state. The local bunch has been working hard in preparation for the game, and with the exception of two men is in condition for the battle of their lives. They also realize that the Oakwood men are fast and outweigh the local squad about seven pounds to the man, but hope to overcome this by fast and furious play. Brownsburg's Thanksgiving game will be played with Greenwood at Brownsburg.

## WAS THE BEST EVER

"The Cry Baby" Company Scored a Decided Hit at Bosse Last Night

## A BIG AUDIENCE

Greeted Them—Play from the Pen of G. Carlton Guy Far Above Average

"The Cry Baby" presented by Charles W. Mercer at the Bosse last evening was the hit of the season. G. Carlton Guy the young character actor in the leading role, gave every evidence of superb ability. He was supported by a cast of truly good actors and actresses and the play was dispatched with a snap throughout. Every act was a feature and every member of the cast, a star. "The Cry Baby" is from the pen of Mr. Guy, who stars in the performance. He has written a play which appeals to every one. The sharp contrast from life in the city and that in the heart of Texas was portrayed by clever actors. "The Cry Baby" is the best performance of its kind ever shown in the city. The crowded house which greeted the company will vouch for that and it must be said that the special scenery surpasses in beauty anything ever seen here. The Mercer boys are scoring a hit every place they stage their one nighter. The company left here for Bluffton, where they will show tonight, and from there they will go to St. Marys, Ohio. They will be through Decatur this summer again with the Guy Stock company.

## TYPHOID CLAIMED THE MOST

Caused a Hundred and Twenty-Nine Deaths in October.

Relative to sickness and death in Indiana, in general during October, Dr. Hurty has issued the following statement: "Typhoid fever was reported as the most prevalent disease. This was also true for the preceding month and for October, 1907. If the people do not soon arouse and accept the teachings of hygiene, concerning the extinction of typhoid fever, and apply them, stupid will be the word to apply to them. Cases of typhoid fever occurred in every county of the state in October. There were 129 deaths and more of sewage at all times, under all conditions and everywhere, will prevent typhoid fever. Typhoiditis was the second most prevalent disease. It was third in area of prevalence in the preceding month antitoxin is necessary to stop the plague," and occupied the second position in October, 1907. Epidemics of diphtheria existed at Mulberry in Clinton county, at Earl Park in Benton county, and minor epidemics existed in other places. At Earl Park over 150 infected children were found by making laboratory examinations of their throats. At Mulberry eighty-five children were found to be infected. In each place named three deaths occurred. Seven diphtheria deaths occurred in Indianapolis and four in Columbus. When diphtheria deaths occurred we knew that antitoxin was not administered early in the disease and possibly in sufficient quantity.

## A JAIL SENTENCE

Was Given Henry Ormsby, the Old Man from Wells County

## HE PLEAD GUILTY

Received Small Fine and a Thirty Day Jail Commitment

Henry Ormsby, the old man arrested here last Saturday and taken to Bluffton to answer to a charge of chicken stealing, was yesterday given a fine and jail sentence. The Bluffton News thus tells the story: Another criminal case was quickly disposed of in circuit court today when Henry Ormsby, charged by John Ledbetter with chicken stealing, appeared before Judge Sturgis and entered a plea of guilty to petit larceny. The judge fixed the penalty at one dollar and costs and 30 days in jail and Ormsby was committed to jail to lay out the sentence and the fine, giving him a total of about forty-five days with Sheriff Lipkey. The act which got Ormsby, who is an old gentleman, past sixty years of age, occurred several weeks ago at the Ledbetter home east of Bluffton. Aroused from sleep late one night, Mr. Ledbetter stole out to his coop to find Ormsby industriously at work picking the yellow legs from the roosts and thrusting them into a sack. Ledbetter almost broke Ormsby's wrist with a club as he brought him to time and caught him up before Ormsby had any idea that he had been detected. He pleaded hard not to be prosecuted and declared it was his first offense. Ledbetter at first intended to let him go and refused to divulge his name, but several days later said he had decided that Ormsby deserved punishment and he filed the affidavit. Ormsby had disappeared but was located in Adams county where Sheriff Lipkey arrested him last Saturday.

## THE INITIAL SALE

Decatur Horse Company Disposed of Valuable Horseflesh Today

## ON A LARGE SCALE

This Company Will Conduct Sales in 1909—First One in January

The Decatur Horse company held the initial sale of the season at their stables on First street this afternoon and the animals were disposed of rapidly and at good prices. The horses which were sold today, sixty in all, have been owned by the firm for some time. The sale was held in order to clean up preparatory to a big year's business, to begin in January. Colonel Hicks, of Marion, held the hammer, and proved himself a valuable seller. Many farmers gathered and bidding was spirited throughout, each horse finding a new home, only after several had vied their bids. The Decatur Horse company expect to dispose of many more horses in 1909 than they did this year. On the second Friday of January, 1909, more than three hundred horses, including drivers, farm mares and draft horses will be quartered at the stables, and the biggest sale ever conducted in Adams county will then be held. Buyers from all parts of the United States will be here on that day. Among the buyers who were here today were Boldblock, Cincinnati; William Lanaker, Winchester; Harry Wilson, Dayton Ohio; Sawley Stein, Cincinnati; Joe Hicks, Marion, and Herman Gunsett, Buffalo.

D. F. Quinn, who is the acting manager for the Allison Land company, who are operating a big lumber mill in Missouri, has opened an office here, having desk room in the A. P. Beatty law office. Messrs. Quinn and Allison will probably go to Cardwell within the next few days.

## COLUMBIA BARS DORANDO.

Will Not Be Allowed to Train in University Gymnasium.

New York, Nov. 19.—Dorando Pietri, the Italian Marathon runner who came to this country to take part in the special race with John J. Hayes, winner of the Olympic Marathon, was notified today that Columbia university would be unable to allow him to train for the race in its gymnasium. Dorando was invited to visit the gymnasium a few days ago by Capt. Saunders of the Columbia track team, and apparently mistook the invitation to mean that he was to train here, as he has been doing for two days. The rules of the university do not permit any others than undergraduates to use its gymnasium, and Dorando was notified today that the rule will be put into effect tomorrow.

## ONE MAN IS SAFE

Gifford Pinchot to be Secretary of Agriculture Under Taft

## REIMBURSE HIM

Congress Will Be Asked to Help South Bend Postmaster

Washington, November 20.—President-elect Taft has picked one man for his cabinet. Gifford Pinchot, who is now the United States forester, will be secretary of agriculture under the new administration. Overton W. Price, who is now the assistant forester, will succeed Mr. Pinchot as the head of the forest service. Mr. Roosevelt would have put Mr. Pinchot at the head of the department of agriculture, but the services of James Wilson were so satisfactory that the change could not well be made. Mr. Wilson, when he retires, will have served as secretary of agriculture twelve years. Pinchot is the originator of the government's new forest policy, and from the first has been the moving spirit behind the movements for the conservation of the country's resources.

## DIRTY FAMILY MUST CLEAN.

## "Cleanliness Next to Godliness," a Maxim Not Observed.

Celina, O., Nov. 19.—William Freiburger and wife received a distinct shock to their ideas of personal liberty when they were brought into probate court and given just three days in which to clean themselves, their children and the rooms they occupy. The township trustees visited the Freiburger's. Their place of abode is on the corner of Logan and Walnut streets. The trustees, inured to many a sorry sight, were compelled to turn aside from the scene of indescribable filth that met their eyes. Trustee Fanger told his wife and mother to get a broom and rid the floor of some of the filth over which the men were loath to step. Some clothing was provided for the children.

## VERY INTERESTING

Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores Render a Program Which Interested All

The most lengthy and probably the most interesting literary program rendered by Decatur high school students was that of this afternoon when the Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes collectively, were the authors of a very pleasing entertainment. Earl Colter, Helen Walters, Francis Gast and Clem Steigmeyer were the principals in a play from "Nicholas Nickleby" and readings were given by Anna Ambsbaugh, Vera Hammond and Harry Hoffman. Lewis Adler delivered an oration while Lawrence Biggs and Mable Chronister gave readings. A German song was then rendered by Marie Hall, Edwina Van Camp, Jessie Phillips, Emma Schultz and Ruth Gay. German Daily, Alice Brandyberry and Mable Pauer gave recitations, after which a debate was indulged in by Ruby Prich, Ruth Hammel, Martin Hoffman, Roy John and Dessie Mann. Lula Beachler then gave an oration followed by a recitation of Lydia Miller. Lawrence Archbold talked on "Greek Education" and Clem Steigmeyer on Geology. The following members of the other two classes took part in the most interesting program: Tracy Nelson, Thresa Baltzell, Marie Allison, Josephine Krick, Helen Niblick, Esther Sellemeyer, Beatrice Van Camp, Otis Dibble, Ben Beavers, Fannie Hammel, Leota Bailey, Fanchon Dougherty, Bessie Boyers, Marie Jackson, Hugh Perkins, Inez Snellen, Verma Smith, Lillie Teeple, Homer Radebush, Perth Crays, Frank Mills, Free Frisinger, Anna Winans, Effie Patton, Irene Evans, Dorothy Walters, Don Burk, Fred Myers, Bruce Patterson, Alma Koken, Howard Wischaupt and Harold Wilcox.

Mrs. A. J. Peoples accompanied her grandchild, little Miss Wilma Peoples, to Fort Wayne this morning to return her to her parents.

## ABOUT THROUGH

Grand Jury Will Probably Conclude Their Work Monday

## VISIT THE INFIRMARY

And Adjourn Over Sunday Awaiting Few More Witnesses

The grand jury have about completed their duties and contrary to expectations they will not return a large number of indictments. The greater part of the week from all appearances has been devoted to a thorough investigation of the Mangold death. While no statement has been given out by any one in authority, it is probable that the indictment against Wolfe will not be stronger than manslaughter. The jury adjourned this morning until Monday morning when they will convene and examine a few witnesses who have been summoned. They will probably conclude their work by Monday evening or Tuesday noon. They visited the county farm and jail yesterday and will be able to conclude soon after the few witnesses subpoenaed are heard. The Crites affair at Linn Grove has it is said, already been adjusted by the guilty man paying a fine for assault, the story as printed it is said being overdrawn. From the fact that no witnesses have been noticed here from the Swartz section, it is thought probable that no indictment has been found in the case reported some time ago when one young man stabbed another in the neck. These people at the time refused to make affidavit and it is doubtful if any headway could be made in the case.

## A NICE PROGRAM

Was Rendered by Three Classes of Decatur High School this Afternoon

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