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DECLARES FOR TEMPERANCE

Mr. Lew Ellingham, editor of the Decatur Democrat, and one of the delegates to the state convention that nominated the late democratic state ticket and indorsed the platform upon which the fight was waged, is advising against a repeal of the Hanly local option law and the enactment of the local option legislation promised by the democratic convention. Ellingham says the law should be given a trial. He should have been honest with his people last September and October, and told them to vote the republican ticket, to defeat Steve Fleming for senator and to support the republican candidate for representative in Adams county. Everybody knows that the Hanly local option law was a snap judgment, not only upon the people, but upon Mr. Hanly's own party. It is certainly not what the democratic state convention promised to the people, and if the democratic legislature does not repeal it, put a good democratic home-rule local option law in its place or make an honest effort to do so, the party should be driven from power in 1910 by an overwhelming vote. The party did not go into the campaign under false pretenses. Mr. Hanly's special session did not change our promises, nor did it remove our responsibility or our

obligation to carry out the democratic policy.—Ligonier Banner. Party pledges should be held inviolate, and we hope Bro. McDonald is as deeply concerned in every party platform as he happens to be in this one. The only argument advanced is that a law following the Democratic state platform would be a more honest temperance law than the present county unit law. We believe that to be true, but after all, both are in favor of temperance, the only difference is in the controlling unit. We do not believe that had a county option law been in full force and effect at the time the Democratic state platform was built, that a plank would have been adopted by that convention which would have substituted the township and ward unit for the county. The Democratic organization, speakers, press and voters accepted the issue as settled and we will wager the ice water that after the adjournment of that special session the Ligonier Banner contained no editorial argument setting forth the superiority of the township and ward unit over the county unit. The people generally condemn Governor Hanly for the rank usurpation of his power in calling that special session, and the Democrat then and now terms as party traitors the six Democrats that refused and failed to follow their party caucus. Had that law failed in passage then the result of the election would have made clear the preference of the people.

Who is asking for the repeal of county option? So far as the knowledge of the Democrat goes, there is not a Democrat in Adams county asking for repeal. And in speaking of Adams county Democrats they are a pretty good sort to the to. Their party record is straight, and their counsel is conservative and wise. The Democrat believes that the same sentiment prevailing in Adams county prevails and predominates in Indiana. We say this too, with the knowledge that Noble county is on the map and that Ligonier forms an important part thereof, to say nothing of Jim McDonald. It looks to a man up a tree, as bad politics for a political party

to relieve another political party of such a load of odium as the Ligonier Banner places upon county option. On the other hand, if we must have an option law, why not "let well enough alone" and let 'er go at county option.

Why not, Jim?

DIED AT FT. WAYNE

Mrs. Tony Gross, Formerly of Decatur, Gone to Great Beyond

FUNERAL MONDAY

She Was Known by Many—
Sister of Mrs. H. Mann
and J. Thompson

Mrs. Hiram Mann left this morning for Fort Wayne, where she will remain until Monday to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Tony Gross, who died yesterday morning after an illness dating back several months. The deceased who is also a sister of John Thompson of this city, lived here for many years, leaving for Fort Wayne but a few years ago. She has been in delicate health for several months and the news of her demise came as no surprise to those who knew of her condition. Mrs. Gross had many acquaintances in this city, who will deplore her death. She leaves besides a broken hearted husband, two children, Frank and Lee, and a multitude of friends. The funeral services will be held Monday morning at Fort Wayne. The deceased was twenty-eight years of age and resided in this county nearly all her life. For years she was a member of the Christian church, and was found faithful to her profession. Profound sorrow attends the death of such an estimable woman.

NOTICE.

All persons having bills against the City of Decatur are requested to present same on the last of every month. 302-61 City Council.

SOCIAL COLUMN

Juniors of Decatur High School Will Give a

Literary

NEXT WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Morrison to Entertain in Honor of Daughter—
Other News

The Friday Night Club met with Miss Gertie DeVoss at the home of Mrs. L. A. Graham last evening. The hostess assisted by Miss Gladys Graham entertained the club in a very enjoyable way along with a dainty luncheon. The guests included with the club members were: Mesdames Dugan, Tyndall, Myers and Mrs. Jenine Congleton Owen, of St. Louis.

Mrs. Don L. Quinn was a charming hostess to a merry crowd of ladies yesterday afternoon. Her cozy little cottage was tastefully decorated with holly. The guests enjoyed a social hour along with a very delightful luncheon, which was served on daintily arranged small tables. Mrs. Mary Myers Wilson, of Boston, was the complimentary guest, the other fortunate ones being Mesdames Cole, Dugan, Tyndall, Schafer, Myers, Schirmeyer, Flanders, Heller, Brackett, Steele, Adams, Merriman, Miss Schrock and Louise Quinn and Mrs. Blanche Hoffman of Preble and Miss Mina Case of Magley.

Friday was pleasantly spent at the home of Miss Bessie Jeffrey. It was spent in music and games. A delicious luncheon was served. At a late hour they went to the Crystal theater where a special play was given. Those present were Miss Alice Clifford, of Fairmount, Master George Sheler and William Rose.

On Wednesday afternoon, next week, the juniors of the Decatur high school will for the first time have a chance to display their ability in the rendition of a musical and literary program. The entertainment will be given in the assembly room and the following excellent program will be rendered:

"A Bumper's Degree"....Irene Evans
Debate Howard Wischaupt
Debate Perth Crays
Debate Alma Kooken
Debate Fred Myers
Lillie Teeple "Our Opportunities"
"Pilot, Another Star" Don Burke
"Christmas Spirit" Harold Wilcox
"Education" Clyde Baumgartner
"Farm" Homer Rodenbush
"Duties of Punctuality" Effie Patton
"Advantages of Ugliness" Anna Winans

Christmas Recitation Dorothy Walters
"The Flag" Frank Mills
"History of Christmas" Bruce Patterson
December 25th? Free Frisinger

Mrs. Morrison will entertain this evening at six o'clock dinner in honor of her daughter, Miss Harriet, who has returned from school for her holiday vacation. The party will consist of the friends of Harriet.

Sufferings Over

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Mary Beery, Darke county Ohio; Mrs. Louise Andrews, Monroe; Mrs. Betsy Parrish, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Sarah McKinley, Elkhart county, Indiana, and three sons: Solomon, of Dayton; Eli, Michigan, and Daniel, Elkhart county. The deceased was 88 years of age and resided in this county about sixty years.

DRY GOODS STORES WILL CLOSE
Our stores will be closed all day on Friday, December 25th on account of Christmas. Please govern yourselves accordingly:

Niblick & Company.
True & Runyon.
M. Fullenkamp.
Kuebler & Moltz.

302-51

MORE LIGHT

at a less price 4-8-16 c. p. guaranteed light bulbs 15c each. Each lamp is guaranteed by us. Have just received 1,000.

Tungstron lamps all sizes in stock.

Schafers Up-To-Date Hdw. Store

Candies and Nuts!!

We have by far the biggest line of candies, nuts and fruit of all kinds to be found in the city, and Christmas shoppers will do well to call and see us before buying their supply.

RECEIVED

150 pails of the choicest candies obtainable, and we will give special prices to

School Teachers, Churches and Societies

Oranges, bananas, in fact everything in the delicacies are at

**Rinehart, Smith & Parrish
RESTAURANT**

2 doors north Schafer Hdw. Co. Call early, it's the old Coffee and Rinehart stand.

LISTEN!!

Our last shipment of our stock has been received. We are now able to show you as fine line as you can find anywhere, and prices—you be the judge on that. We have our prices compared every day, and like to have them compared. If you don't feel prejudiced to Decatur we can save you many dollars in your Xmas shopping. To appreciate you must see our line of Diamonds for \$6.00 to \$100.00; Rings, Pins, Bracelets, Watches, Charms, Cut Glass, Hand-painted Plates—everything you can wish for. Call and see our stock; if our prices are too high, say so.

Hensley the Jeweler

THERE ARE ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT

Xmas will soon be here. Are you prepared for it? During this joyful time a great many cannot find a suitable present. We have them in many useful presents and at prices within the reach of all. An inspection through our immense stock will convince you that our stock is the most complete in the city.

Special Xmas Bargains CHRISTMAS.

We have decided to make some big reductions in this department, right when you need them most.



We have just purchased from a large manufacturer a lot of garments at Fifty percent discount, and these along with our immense stock must go at cost and less than manufactured cost.

\$25 and \$22.50 Coats to close, during this sale	\$15.00
\$18 and \$16.50 Coats to close, during this sale	\$12.00
\$15 Coats to close, during this sale	\$11.50
\$12.50 Coats to close, during this sale	\$8.75
\$10.50 Coats to close, during this sale	\$7.50

Special During This Sale

Children's Bear Skin Coats in Brown, Red, Tan and White
During this sale to close **\$1.78**
This is less than the cost of the material

All children's coats at a big reduction. Get our prices. We can suit you.

NIBLICK & COMPANY



Useful Presents

are what you should buy. Nothing is more appreciated than something that can be worn or for the home.

IT IS MONEY WELL SPENT AND NOT WASTED

A Few Suggestions to Help You

Dress Goods, Waist Silks, Nobby Neckwear, Leather Purses, Nobby Handkerchiefs, Kid Gloves, Stylish Umbrellas, Table Pieces, Napkins, Cut Glass, Fancy China, Fur Scarfs and Muffs, Stylish New Jackets, Tailored Skirts, Large and Small Rugs

The Most Complete Assortment in the City

When making selections it is a pleasure to visit a stock, where you find what you want. At just this time when you cannot wait, we can please you both with immense assortments and at reasonable prices. Make our store your trading point.

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