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Now that the time is here when the demand for spring goods is big, it is deemed appropriate and right that our readers be informed relative to the opportunities afforded by Decatur merchants to those who contemplate purchases. There has not been a time in years that such large stocks and excellent assortments of spring shoes, hats, clothing, dry goods, etc., have been placed on the shelves of Decatur business houses, as is the case at the present time. The progressive Decatur merchants have simply outdone themselves in securing goods of fashion and durability and the prices are right. Those who are anticipating purchases cannot afford to overlook the announcements in the Democrat of the business men of every line.

HOUSE FOR RENT—A five-roomed cottage on north Ninth street. Inquire of Peter Gaffer.

GOTTSCHALK HAS ARRIVED HOME

Came Home Yesterday Following the Adjournment of the Legislature.

Berne, Indiana, March 10.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Representative Gottschalk came home from Indianapolis last evening, and is today being congratulated by all his friends and acquaintances over the splendid record made during the legislative session. His vote was recorded for all the good legislation that was proposed and he was against all the jobs that were presented. Every one in Berne and surrounding country is more than pleased with his record.

THE CONFERENCE

North Indiana Conference to Be Held in Near Future

AT GREENFIELD

Dr. Wilcox Will Deliver the Annual Missionary Address

The 1909 session of North Indiana conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held at Greenfield, Indiana, beginning the thirty-first day of this month and continuing one week, and business will be transacted during that time which will greatly interest the members of the local congregation. Although the program in its entirety has not as yet been compiled, it is known that Dr. C. B. Wilcox of this city will deliver the annual missionary address to the assemblage of clergymen, this being an honor bestowed upon the able minister which comes as a consequence of his rare ability and diligence in the missionary field. Among other important matters which will occupy the attention of the body will be the work of enlarging the districts in the Northern Indiana conference so that the number of districts will be reduced from six to five. In the event that this is accomplished, and good authority is that it will be, this district will be enlarged along with the others.

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SOCIAL COLUMN

Mrs. Edward Shoemaker to Be Hostess to the C. W. B. M. Society

THE HOLY GRAIL

Mrs. O. L. Vance Entertained the Historical Society—Other Notes

The Historical Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. O. L. Vance on Second street Tuesday evening. A delicious luncheon was served to the guests by the hostess. The paper was read by Mrs. Congleton on "Paul's Letter to the Church at Colosse." It was unusually interesting.

The Holy Grail and Knights of King Arthur met at the Methodist church last night, and one of their most pleasant times was enjoyed. The motion for adjournment was made three times. They are an order of interested and intelligent boys. A lively scene was presented when the chairman called the house to order. Business of importance was transacted. The presence of Harold Wilcox, of St. Louis, Mich., will occasion pleasure for the boys at the next meeting, the coming Tuesday. A banquet will be served to honor the former member and the out-going chairman of the senate, Will Conrad. President Ben Beavers will appoint a new chairman to serve out the vice president's unexpired time.

The Rebekahs held an interesting meeting Tuesday evening, and on next Tuesday evening two candidates will be shown through the mysteries of the degree, and every member of the staff is requested to be present.

The C. W. B. M. of the Christian church will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Edward Shoemaker on north Fifth street. Topic: "The Young People's Work: An Investment: Does It Bring Results." Hymn. Prayer. Bible lesson: 1 Chron. 29:19 and 22; 11-13. Leader, Mrs. Hurst. Reading: "When

is it Wise to Direct the Child Toward Ideals Held for it?" Mrs. Stevens. Reading: "The Work of the Year," Mrs. Fisher. Reading: "United Mission Study for March," Mrs. Jacob Eady. "Report of Young People's Work of 1908," Mrs. M. E. Artman. "Mrs. Reyburn's Inevitable," Mrs. Fleming. Business. Benediction.

The Red Men will have a celebration meeting at their hall over the inter-urban tonight. Seven candidates will be initiated into the lodge, a few more added to the rapidly growing order. The members will feast at a banquet tonight. More men have signified (Continued on page 4.)

PALACE TEAM WON

Berling's Five Loses Game by Close Margin

RETAIN FIRST PLACE

Berling Won Two Out of Three But Was Short on Pins

STANDING.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Berling's Five	16	8	.666
Postoffice	10	11	.476
Elks	5	7	.419
Palace	8	13	.380

In a game which was interesting from start to finish the Palace bowling team won from Berling's team last night by a total of thirty-five pins in three games. Notwithstanding the fact that the Berling team won two out of three games. The score:

Palace—			
Coverdale	176	133	138
Zander	153	209	157
Archbold	126	175	171
Lankenau	199	195	186
Stafer	147	137	148
Total	801	849	800
Berling's Five—			
Smith	158	156	170
Mutchler	133	152	154
Lachot	148	152	143
Shafer	184	167	193
Peterson	196	167	147
Total	819	789	807

We are Ready for Spring Are You?



To attempt to convince you of the great values we are offering in Men's and Boys' clothing and furnishings without your seeing them would be like defending a case in court without a witness

Our Clothing and Furnshings

are our witnesses and we want every man, woman and child in Adams county to come in and examine them.

Boys' and Children's Knickerbocker Suits

The newest colors and styles

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Elzey & Vance

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Decatur, Indiana

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Friday, March 12th.

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and
Fri. Mar. 12

