

## THE DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

Decatur stores were never so well stocked, and Decatur merchants were never so well prepared to take care of their trade as they are this spring. It is needless, in fact utterly useless, for Decatur or Adams county buyers to invade other markets for the purchase of anything to eat or wear. Adams county is the best county on the face of the earth, and Decatur is the best town in the universe. The way to preserve it, and the way to make it grow and still further prosper is for every booster to be a booster. The first essential is to patronize Decatur merchants, and as they prosper the city prospers.

Editor Gordon, of the Richmond Item, is wise in some things but not in all things. He is the author of the best written editorials that appear in any of the many Indiana newspapers, and he is a shining star in the profession of journalism. He concluded that he ought to be mayor of Richmond, and sought the nomination of his party for this preferment. The primary election was held Monday and he headed the list of aspirants at the tall end. Editor Gordon should have known better—in fact any ordinary newspaper man would have known better than to have gone against a game of this kind.

## HAVING BUSY TIME

The Second Day of the May Term of Commissioners' Court

## A REMONSTRANCE

Berne Supply Company Bagged Big End of Contracts

The Caleb Andrews and Joseph L. Herman macadam roads were ordered sold, after the report of the viewers had been adopted.

Extension to bridge abutments were made by the board on the W. A. Tieman road.

Garber & Ahr were the highest bidder for the rental of the old fair grounds and contract was entered into with them.

The Berne Supply Company bagged

the big end of the stone arch and bridge abutment contracts. They were given the Colchon bridge \$122, Mattox \$494, Beabout \$348, Niblick \$327, Jones \$315, Peck \$137, Christen \$237, Omlor \$199, Babcock \$152, Kern \$304, Nicholet \$325.

Butler & Miller were low bidders for the Shoemaker arch \$120, and the contract was awarded them.

Superintendents on the various bridges and arches were appointed, they being Mathias Miller, O. N. Tyndall, Bruce Beabout, John Runyon, John Abnet, Otto Peck, James Archbold, Charles Kiess, Charles Oetting, C. C. Beer and Aaron Bricker.

The Theodore Thieme ditch petition occupied the time since noon, and was still under consideration at time of going to press. In this matter a remonstrance was filed by John McGill.

## THE TENTH ANNUAL

Commencement Exercises of the Geneva High School Last Evening

A GREAT PROGRAM  
Banquet Served at the Masonic Hall and a Gala Time Was Had

Geneva, Ind., May 4.—The tenth annual commencement of the Geneva high schools was held last evening at the M. E. church, and long before the time came for the class to make their appearance, the church was crowded to the doors with the friends of the class and of the schools. Prof. D. S. Colter of Purdue university, made the principal address, his subject being "Problem Worth Solving." The address was a masterful piece of oratory and it was appreciated and applauded from the time he began to speak until he closed. The first speaker for the class was Miss Leah Miller, and the address to the class was given by Miss Hazel Barr, and they both acquitted themselves in a pleasing manner. The program at the church was followed by a banquet at the Masonic hall with Miss Grace Snow as toastmistress, and who spoke from the subject "Greetings." The response was made by Miss Leah Miller. Other speakers were Mrs. A. P. Hardison whose subject was "Killing Time;" Rev. Graves' "Filling Time;" Prof. Colter "Who's Who;" Miss Hazel Macklin "What's What;" Supt. Robert Poer "When Knighthood was in Flower;" Mrs. Pfleumer "The Magic Ring," the program closing with the benediction by Rev. Graves. Every speaker of the evening was splendid, and applause greeted them nearly all the time. The banquet was served by the Pythian Sisters, it being served in four courses and afterwards it was admitted that it was the swellest function ever given in Geneva. The Geneva schools are unexcelled and this fact was never better known to the friends of the school than it is today. Robert Poer the superintendent, and Mrs. Pfleumer the principal of the high school, are splendid instructors, and under them the schools have made great progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cramer went to Bluffton on the noon train today.

The Berne Supply Company bagged

## A PLEASANT PICNIC

Music Section of Euterpean Club Gave a Picnic Party Last Night

OTHER SOCIETY NEWS  
Surprise Party Was Held at Home of Jno. Hook in Blue Creek

The music section of the Euterpean Club gave a picnic party last night to the other members and their guests at the home of Mrs. John Tyndall. The jolly crowd of sylvan merrymakers met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Patterson and when all had arrived, escorted by the drum corps they marched to Mrs. Tyndall's residence, where they were entertained delightfully during the evening for they were going to enjoy an hour or two. The verdant woods, leafy boughs of different kinds and a profusion of green vines and plants were very attractive. Here the guests visited the "Lemonade stand" and "lover's retreat" and the peanut and candy stand and then had their fortunes told. In the parlor a stage was erected and there, after a May day program, the May Queen, Miss Marie Patterson, was crowned. The May pole was pink and green and white, the club colors, and the company all joined hands and sang in honor of the May Queen. The program was as follows:

"America" .....By the class "Greeting" .....Mrs. Patterson "Dewdrops" .....Mrs. Schirmeyer Duet—Marie Patterson, Midge Smith "School Teacher" .....Bessie Shrock Select Reading—"The Men" .....Mrs. Tyndall Dialogues—Mrs. Niblick, Mrs. Fruchte Miss Mary Miller, Sweet Mariam, marshal of the evening, and took the part of the picnic marshal and showed the picnickers through the woods. The picnic served on the floor was a sumptuous one, everything that was good was there, and it was much enjoyed by the club members and their husbands. The ladies of the music section when they went to the dining room to the feast, appeared in white dresses with pink and white hats, and looked very pretty. During the evening games were played and music filled the woods.

A surprise took place Sunday evening at eight o'clock in Blue Creek at the home of John Hook's. The surprise was given on Mr. Hook, his age being fifty-three. Those present were Mr. Hook and daughter and son, Rosa and Roy; Mr. and Mrs. Furman Burkhardt and daughter June, Mr. and Mrs. James Rhoads and children Bessie, Ida and Francis, Mr. and Mrs. George Dellingen, daughter Della; Mr. and Mrs. Corl Steele and children, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Everett and children, Mrs. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobs and children, Mr. Fred and Frank Nye; also Miss Goldy Nye, Mr. and Mrs. Will Patterson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dague and children, Mrs. Gabe Everett from Pleasant Mills, Mr. Frank Lynch, Mr. John Everett, Mr. Jesse Steele. A lovely supper was given about nine o'clock, plenty of good things to eat. Many presents were given to Mrs. Hook. After supper music was given on the piano.

Miss Clara Kintz and Mr. Henry Zuber, of Fort Wayne, were united in marriage by the Rev. Theodore Wilkins at seven-thirty standard time at the St. Mary's Catholic church this morning. A large number of the relatives and friends witnessed the impressive ceremony. The bridegroom was Miss Lena Zuber, sister of the groom and the groomsman was Mr. Joseph Kintz, a cousin of the bride. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kintz, northwest of the city, and is a well-known and popular girl. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zuber, of Hesse Castle. Mr. Zuber and his bride will live in Fort Wayne, on Smith street, where they have furnished a home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bright gave a Sunday dinner in honor of Mrs. Cyde Beery and Charles Shoaf who will leave Monday for Danville, Ill., and from there on to Oklahoma City. Those present were Mrs. Frank Gault, Tom Bright, Charles Zimmerman and

## DON'T BE BALD.

If there is any vitality in the hair roots Rexall "03" Hair Tonic will positively grow new hair and cure baldness. We want you to try this preparation at our risk. We'll return the money you paid us if you are not entirely satisfied. Two sizes, 50c and \$1.00.

Smith and Yager, Druggists

Misses Bessie, Bernice and Lucy Andrews, Georgia, Mabel and Edith Beery, Frances Gault, Jennie Ernst, Ina Martin, Julia Liniger and Helen Baker, Zoa Dibble and Edna Andrews of Decatur. They all wished the boys all kinds of success in the west.

Mrs. French Quinn has sent invitations to her friends, the members of the Young Matrons Club, announcing that from eight to eleven o'clock on the evening of May 6th, she will entertain at her home on south Third street, at a "Jabberwock party" for her guest, Mrs. Tripplett. We don't know just what is required to compose such a social event but a good time is in store for the guests.

Mrs. Grace Meredith, state commander of the Lady Maccabees, will arrive in the city this noon. During her stay in the city she will be the guest of Mrs. Noah Mangold. A reception will be given this afternoon at the Mangold home in her honor. From one to three o'clock there will be many who will meet this accomplished and lovable woman.

The members of the German Lutheran church will be entertained by Mrs. Sophia Hobrock west Monroe street, Thursday. The ladies will sew as usual, and all are requested to attend.

The C. B. L. of I. will give a pedro party tonight at their hall. Every body is invited to attend and enjoy a good time.

There will be a business meeting of the Y. P. C. U. of the United Brethren church tonight. The Misionary Society will meet Thursday evening at the church.

The Knights of the Holy Grail will meet tonight. All the knights are expected to be present.

## GENEVA IS NOW DRY

First Time that Geneva Was Saloonless Since 1863

## NEWS OF GENEVA

Many Things of Interest in the Southern Metropolis

Geneva, Indiana, May 4.—Geneva is now a dry one. The last saloon and that was owned and operated by John Pitts, went down and out last night, his license having expired and he is out all ways. Some time ago Wabash township was remonstrated dry, and on top of that, Adams county got the fever and voted the county dry. It is the first time since 1863 that Geneva has suffered the drought of having no place where a person could wet his whistle. In that year Isaac Finkhouser secured a license and sold bad whiskey in the old frame building where Wells Bros. undertaking business is now conducted. Mr. Finkhouser now lives in Marion.

Mrs. George Calkins was operated upon Sunday for the removal of a tumor from her neck. The operation was performed by Dr. Graham, and by skill and knowledge of surgery, the operation was a success, a tumor being removed which was about the size of a hen egg. Mrs. Calkins suffered no ill effect of the operation, and her many friends hope that she will speedily recover, and that the recovery will prove permanent.

A few days ago Miss Olive Wheeler tried an old experiment, but with no new results. She was starting a fire in the furnace, using some oil, and when the match was applied there was something doing in the immediate vicinity of that furnace. Miss Wheeler suffered from badly burned hands and arms, and the presence of her mother on the scene at the right time, saved any further injury.

Clarence Glendinning, an eight years' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Glendinning, and Miss Hattie Martz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Martz, are both suffering from inflammatory rheumatism in an aggravated form. Under the care of Dr. C. R. Price they are showing an improvement and their many friends hope they will fully recover.

There are two weddings scheduled for this week in Geneva, but we are sworn to the secret, and have given the promise that mum's the word. All of them are prominent in Geneva society, and have friends innumerable, who will wish them all the happiness that is going.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

Session this Morning Was Not a Very Brisk or Lively One

NOTE CASE HEARD  
Defendants Failed to Appear and Judgment Was Accordingly Rendered

This was pension day and the county clerk's office was as busy as usual.

Port Huron Engine & Thresher Co. vs. Peter F. Moser Jr., notes and foreclosure of mortgage, default of defendant, finding for plaintiff for \$2,373.20. Sale ordered.

National Bank of Commerce vs. Cardwell Box Co., et al, note \$5,000, the regular judge being disqualified by reason of relationship within prohibited degree names Judge Owen N. Heaton, of Fort Wayne, Judge Charles E. Sturgis of Bluffton, and Judge John F. LaFollette of Portland, from which list the parties shall select a special judge to hear and determine this cause.

W. F. Rice et al vs. Bertha M. Rice et al, partition, answer filed by D. D. Heller guardian ad litem.

Herman Hockemeyer, Frank J. Gerdot, William J. Beauchot, C. F. Gladieux ex parte, re-application for liquor licenses, re-set for Saturday, May 22.

A marriage license was issued to Edward Erwin Gilbert, 22, a laborer, and Edith Z. Deen, 18, both of Decatur.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

On account of a confusion of names I wish to say that it was Dr. C. E. Neptune who sold out his dentistry business in Decatur, and I am still at the old stand over the Steele & Weaver racket store, where I will be glad to greet my old friends.

106-5t DR. J. Q. NEPTUNE.

## BANK STATEMENT.

JOHN F. HOCKER, president. DR. M. F. PARRISH, Vice-Pres. MENNO S. LIECHTY, Cashier. C. E. BOLLINGER, Asst. Cashier. Report of the condition of the Monroe State Bank, a state bank at Monroe, Adams county, in the State of Indiana, at the close of its business on April 28th, 1909.

Resources. Loans and discounts .....\$67,726.27 Overdrafts .....51.79 Banking house .....3,571.18 Furniture and fixtures .....2,183.65 Due from banks and trust companies .....2,049.39 Cash on hand .....3,815.38 Cash items .....257.46 Current expenses .....\$282.14 Taxes paid .....203.37 Interest paid .....48.51 Profit and loss .....35.00 Total resources .....\$80,349.57 Liabilities. Capital stock—paid in .....\$25,000.00 Surplus .....200.00 Undivided profits .....43.49 Demand deposits .....\$21,551.48 Deposit certificates .....27,886.18 49,437.66 Due to banks and trust companies .....5,000.00 Exchange, discounts, etc. .....668.42

Total liabilities .....\$80,349.57 State of Indiana, county of Adams, ss: I, Menno S. Liechty, cashier of the Monroe State Bank, do solemnly affirm that the above statement is true. MENNO S. LIECHTY. Subscribed and affirmed to before me, this 1st day of May, 1909.

A. B. BAILEY, Notary Public. My commission expires Nov. 20, 1911.

## Keeping the Floors Clean

Painted floors are easier to keep clean—therefore more sanitary. During the summer too, a painted floor looks cooler and more restful. When you do your spring cleaning, throw out the hot, dusty carpets and have your floors painted. It will preserve them as well as make for greater comfort and less work. For floors we advise the use of

## Lowe Brothers Hard Drying Floor and Deck Paint

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## CASH PAYS RENT!

Why not apply your cash on the purchase of a home? Acre tracts, small farms, or city properties at bargain prices. Here are a few sample properties, and now is the time to secure bargains by calling on

## SNOW AGENCY, Decatur, Ind.

741—Is a story and a half, five-room house with stable, drove well, two lots on Oak street.....\$725.00  
775—Is a comfortable five-room cottage on south Ninth street, cistern, chicken park, garden, etc. ....\$850.00

776—Is a new five-room cottage on Tenth street, cistern, coal house, drove well, stable, etc. ....\$1,150.00  
754—Is an acre and a quarter tract on the corporation of Decatur, has a small frame house, good well of water, fine lot of fruit trees, etc., \$450.00

777—Is an acre and a quarter tract on the pike road, just west of the city. Has good frame cottage with large cellar, stable, fruit trees, garden, etc. ....\$850.00

754—Is an acre and a quarter tract on brick street in north Decatur; comfortable house with cellar, drove well, stable, etc. ....\$1,200.00

743—Is a fifteen acre tract on the traction line north of Decatur; is near the station, has good buildings and nice location ...\$2,500.00

779—Is a good two-story frame house on the corner of Jefferson and Eighth streets. Brick sidewalks, drove well, coal house, etc. ....\$1,650.00  
716, 742 and 752—Are three new and

See our large lists of city and farm properties for further descriptions.

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## Sunday Excursions

VIA

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