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THE WELFARE OF DECATUR

According to notices published a meeting is to be held tonight for the purpose of devising means for the defense of certain citizens against whom suits have been filed demanding payments due on lots purchased at the sale on March 26th, 1907. The notice says that all who have the welfare of Decatur at heart are invited. We have no desire to say anything that will cause strife in our city, for we need the continued "all pull together" to make this city the ideal one that seems possible. That sale was held in good faith by men who gave their own time and money to aid toward its success. The factories were secured and with the proper support will in time become thriving concerns, in fact they are now the equal of any. If a single mistake has been made and we know of none—it has been in good faith, and we have failed so far to hear any reasonable excuse why any person who bought one of those lots should not pay for same. A queer part of the affair is that a few of the men who are leading this opposition have grown old in the building of Decatur into a city beautiful, a progressive town, and one of the best in the land. That they should now even think of repudiating a claim of this kind seems impossible and we do not believe they are in earnest at this time. It is hoped that tonight's meeting will convert itself into an old

time love feast wherein personal spite and jealousy will turn into an effort to further upbuild our fair city. As we see it, no citizen, young or old, can afford to do anything at this time that will give Decatur a backset, in the progressiveness shown during the past two years. Persons who compare this town to others of the size say it's the very best in Indiana. This is worth much to any place. Consider well any action that will stunt the growth of a town or divide its citizens into clans that make continued progressiveness next to impossible.

If one of the Banner's exchanges has a real good late picture of Col. Bryan, erstwhile candidate for the presidency three times, please run it in your paper, so we can see whether or not he is aging or growing handsome. Don't want to lose track of Bill's looks, because we may have to hurrah for him again a time or two.—Bluffton Banner.

John D. Rockefeller's church in New York city is reported poverty stricken. They had hoped to build a \$2,000,000 edifice on Fifth avenue, but when the deacons trustees and clerks of the congregation began to count dollars it was decided to stop on a \$500,000 building on the present site. This amount, however, will build one that should at least turn water.

TWO DEAD TWO INJURED

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Meeks in the head, and they fell dead. The fact that the powder burns on the faces of the dead men are so plain indicate that Joel was very close to them when he fired. Young Joel immediately surrendered himself to the sheriff. The excitement in the neighborhood is intense, but it is not likely that any more fatalities will occur.

Democrat Want Ads. Pay

SOCIETY IS BUSY

Homer Knodle Gave Good Oration at the United Brethren Church

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE

Dinner Party Sunday Noon at the Home of Miss Marie Tonnelier

Last evening the installation services at the Methodist church were very impressive, and the auditorium and lecture room were well filled with people who came to hear the excellent program. Every year the newly elected league officers of the church are installed. The officers elected were Jonas Tritch, leader; Don Burk, vice president; Mazie Keeler, second vice president; Florence Meyers, third vice president; Irene Meyers, fourth vice president; Frank Mills, secretary; Ethel Butler, chorister and Lillie Teeple, pianist. During the services a fifteen piece orchestra played several selections. Concerning the Epworth League and its work in general, Miss Irene Meyers, Jonas Tritch, M. L. Smith, Lee Walters and Don Burk delivered splendid addresses. After the addresses the Epworth League officers gathered in a semi-circle around the pulpit. With much earnestness Rev. Powell asked each officer to carefully consider and gravely reflect on his duty in that work, and asked each to do his best in the office he held. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung and was very appropriate, and the benediction was pronounced.

The Holy Grail boys will meet Tuesday evening to initiate a number of new candidates. The boys are expecting a pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Blecke, of Union township, gave a surprise birthday party on their daughter, Thelma, Saturday evening, who was fourteen on that day. The time was spent very pleasantly and refreshments were served, the guests being as follows: Misses Louise Krueckeberg, Lona Holle, Sina Thieme, Paula Bienz, Lydia Blecke, Mathilda Krueckeberg,

Viola Grote, Hedwig Reinking, Frieda Koldewey, Ruth Marbach and Edwin Schamerloh, Richard Blecke, Martin Schamerloh, Robert Marbach, Roland Grote, Joseph Blecke, Walter Reinking, Walter Beltz, Charley Thieme, Arthur Bienz and Aaron Welland.

The junior reception at the home of Frank Mills a week from tomorrow night in honor of the seniors, promises to be one of the most enjoyable events in the class calendar. During the next week the juniors will complete arrangements for the affair. Not only because they expect a pleasant time are the graduates greatly interested, but because it is the farewell gathering of the two classes, who have been so closely associated in their school life.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mumma gave a family reunion at their home on south Fifth street Sunday for it was a time when all the children were near and convenient for them to come, and all the members of the family enjoyed a very happy day yesterday. This has been the first time for years that the family has been together. At noon today an excellent dinner was served. In the afternoon a social time was enjoyed and old times were talked over. The guests were Mrs. Elmer Flynn, of Linton, Ind.; Mrs. Marve Ferguson, Montpelier, Ind.; Mrs. I. L. Harden, Montpelier, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. George Mumma and son Virgil, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Auth and children Ruth, Dorothy and baby; Mr. and Mrs. George Steele and son Irvin, and Roy and Mary Mumma.

Miss Marie Tonnelier entertained a company of friends yesterday at a dinner party in honor of Miss Helen Doswell, Miss Mamie Olson and Miss Edith Brady of Fort Wayne, who have been guests for several days of Miss Tonnelier. At twelve o'clock dinner was served. The time was spent very pleasantly.

The second meeting of the Junior League of the Christian church met yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Percy Williams and Mrs. Andrew Artman who organized the society were well pleased with the attendance. Five new members were added to the Decatur chapter. The new members are Bertha Schultz, Vivian Montgomery, George, Naomi and Mabel Cramer. Mrs. Arthur Fisher and Miss Maggie Daniels were visitors. The League is studying "Pilgrim's Progress," and "The Giant of Despair," was the subject of yesterday's lesson.

The Oratorical Circle last night had for its speaker, Homer Knodle, who delivered an address on the "Do-Nothing Man." His talk was interesting.

FALSE HAIR RAISES IMPORTS

Big Demand Causes Increase in Exports from China.
Washington, D. C., May 17.—The demand for false hair by the feminine population of the United States—as well as a few of the men folks—has boosted the figures of the exports from China from 56,133 pounds in 1907 to 207,414 pounds, according to a report from Vice-Consul General Stuart J. Fuller, of Hong Kong. The hair is brought to Hong Kong from the interior, where it is cleaned and sorted, according to length and quality. It is then packed and either is stored or disinfected, in accordance with quarantine regulations, and shipped to New York. There it is treated so that its color and texture can be altered, and is made into switches, curls, bands and wigs. The demand has assumed so much importance that one concern has sent an agent directly to Hong Kong to make direct purchases.

OBITUARY.

Amelia Martz, daughter of Benjamin and Lizzie Martin, was born in Union township, Adams county, Ind., Dec. 28, 1850, and died April 9, 1909, aged 58 years, 3 months and 12 days. She was married to William Stogdill in the year 1871. To this union was born three children, two who died in childhood. Her husband also died in 1875. She was married to George H. Martz April 28th, 1877. To this union was born seven children, two of whom died in infancy. She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband, three sons and three daughters, two brothers and two sisters, seventeen grandchildren and a host of friends who will miss her. In early girlhood she was converted and gave her heart to God. She united with the United Brethren church at Union chapel in Union township, Adams county, Ind., with which church she remained a faithful member until she united with the Friends church. She became a member of the Pleasant Valley Friends church about fourteen years ago, and remained a faithful member until her death. She leaves behind evidence that she was ready to go. All through her long suffering and illness she never complained. But sung his praises and prayed. She said she was ready to go and wanted Jesus to take her.

IT OCCURS TONIGHT

Big Home Talent Show Under Auspices of Band Boys Tonight

CLEVER SPECIALTIES

Will Be Pulled Off and General Satisfaction is Guaranteed to All

Remember tonight the juvenile band benefit at the Bosse opera house, when they will present "In the Village by the Sea," a four-act comedy drama of life in old New England with clever specialties between acts, with a notable cast and with Decatur's new 12-piece orchestra to render the music between acts. The cast follows: Tom Manly, a young fisherman .. Howard Wischaupt .. William Faren, alias Squire Hammond .. Albert Sellemeyer .. James Hammond, his son and a consummate scoundrel .. Henry Thomas .. David Morris, familiarly known as Uncle Davie .. Robert E. Mann .. Silas Kidder, a stage struck young rustic .. Bruce Patterson .. Rev. Medhurst .. Ralph Amrine .. Rose Prescott, Faren ward .. Miss Clara Terveer .. Mrs. Manly, Tom's mother .. Miss Minnie Orvis .. Ruth Manly, Tom's sister .. Miss Ada Murray .. Little Nellie, a waif of the ocean .. Portia Thomas .. The specialties between acts are as follows: Between acts 1 and 2, the male quartet in several selections. Between acts 2 and 3, Miss Terveer in a concert selection. Between acts 3 and 4, Mr. Ralph Amrine in a polite vaudeville turn. Admission 25c. to any part of house. Seats reserved at Holthouse drug store. Proceeds to purchase uniforms for Decatur's Juvenile band. Come one and all as satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

Prepare your system for hot weather don't put off taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, but do it now. The best, most economical regulator and system conditioner; as good for the children as for father and mother.
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During the long winter months your system gets clogged with impurities. You feel tired and listless. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea eliminates all poison, makes pure blood, increases vitality. For thirty years the surest spring remedy. Tea or tablets, 35 cents.
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A Certain Cure for Aching Feet. Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Tired, Aching, Callous, Eweating, Swollen feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample Free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

YOUR BACKACHE WILL YIELD

To Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Rockland, Maine.—"I was troubled for a long time with pains in my back and side, and was miserable in every way. I doctored until I was discouraged, and thought I should never get well. I read a testimonial about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and thought I would try it. After taking three bottles I was cured, and never felt so well in all my life. I recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all my friends."—Mrs. WILL YOUNG, 6 Columbia Avenue, Rockland, Me.
Backache is a symptom of female weakness or derangement. If you have backache, don't neglect it. To get permanent relief you must reach the root of the trouble. Nothing we know of will do this so safely and surely as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Cure the cause of these distressing aches and pains and you will become well and strong.
The great volume of unsolicited testimony constantly pouring in proves conclusively that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has restored health to thousands of women.
Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health free of charge.

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
755—Is a comfortable seven-room cottage, on Tenth street, grained wood finish, cistern and city water.....\$975.00
745—Is a new five-room cottage on Front street, good sewerage, city and cistern water, natural wood finish.....\$1,150.00
776—Is a new five-room cottage on south Line street; cistern, coal house, drove well, on sewer, etc., nice front porch.....\$1,100.00
778—Is a well located seven-room cottage, grained finish, good cistern, drove well, stable, etc., on south Tenth street.....\$1,750.00
779—Is a good two-story frame house at 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.

G. A. R. EXCURSION RATES

To Crawfordsville, Ind.

MAY 18-19-20

CLOVER LEAF ROUTE

On the above dates excursion tickets will be sold for all regular trains, good to return until May 22nd.

On May 19th special through coach service will be arranged for the Bluffton Posts. See agent for particulars. This promises to be one of the largest encampments ever held in the state.



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any old floor can be made to look like new hard wood. Old furniture can be made to look like new. We have it in all colors. It requires no skill to use the Chi-Namel graining outfit. Give it a trial. You will be pleased with the results.

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Honestly Custom Tailored clothes, at prices within the reach of all, are the achievements of this shop. You obtain not only a choice of hundreds of beautiful wools, but the guarantee of genuine high quality and satisfaction.

CHRIS MEYER, The Tailor
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Decatur, Indiana

The One Big Event of the Year IN DECATUR

Have you heard of the Woodman Log Rolling which will be held in Decatur

Saturday, July 17, 1909

This event will draw 2,000 Woodmen to Decatur,—tall, short, lean, fat and otherwise.

It Will Be the Greatest Time Ever Enjoyed in Decatur in a Single Day

National Lecturer Wheelan

of Madison, Wisconsin, one or two of the Grand Lodge officers and State Deputy head counsel J. D. Voltz will occupy the platform.

Prize Drill contests, Ball Game and Contests of every description will be given

50 Candidates Will be Initiated at Hall in Evening—50

ARE YOU IN THE CLASS?

If not do not fail to sign the card which will be presented to you. A big banquet will be served after the initiatory work by those who know how to do it royally.

\$200 in Prizes Will be Given Away on That Day \$200

The local camp has one of the largest and one of the best equipped lodge halls in the city and other rooms will be engaged for the occasion to accommodate the vast throng. Remember the date, July Seventeenth and get in the class and become a real live Woodman.

A Fraternal society with a membership exceeding 1,200,000 which is the largest in the world.