

# The Daily Democrat

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## DECATUR'S HIGH TAX RATE

While bloated bondholders, men engaged in high finance, James L. Peets, and a few other strangers to the beauties and solid financial worth of Decatur may be a little lame in their knowledge of who we are and what we have, yet we surmise that every one at home knows how it happened. In turning over the pages of ancient history in the management of municipal affairs in city, it will be readily seen that the present officers had nothing whatever to do in piling the city debt upon our shoulders. It is not only an insult but a reproach upon one of the best administered cities in the state, to even suggest that the present city officers fail in the knowledge of knowing just where they are at. They do know. They knew it so long as four years ago and they then began to run the drag net through the affairs of the city, and to then and there make the first advancement toward the payment of the city debt, and to redeem a credit that had for some time been swagging around the uneasy point. Every one in Decatur knows when the waterworks plant was built—built, too, without a dollar to pay on it—and with a credit in the general market that does not compare with the credit of the city today. It was built, too, when city orders were floating at the local banks and the city paying the fiddler with an interest account that was appalling. What is the situation today? Decatur pays her bills. No floating orders to pay interest upon, no temporary loans to pay the current expenses of the city. It is the first time for years—perhaps ever—that this could be truthfully said of the management of the affairs of this city. All this does credit to every member of the present city council and to every officer who is serving the city. We congratulate them upon the enviable record they have made, and we likewise congratulate the city upon having as their servants, men who are business men in every sense of the term, and who have devoted their energies along the line of redeeming the credit of the city.

What is there about this four forty tax rate that so discredits us in the eyes of James L. Peets, and who is Peets. Peets writes statistics for the state, and a township assessor over in Carroll county has promised to count and send to Peets the number of rabbit tracks after the first snow. Of this four forty, Decatur's corporation tax is \$1.87, the remainder being divided as follows: state tax 33.35; macadam road 75c, county 29.25c, county sinking 7.4c, turnpike repair 10c, tuition 42c, special school 47c, poor 2c, library 7c. Deduct the 75 cents for macadam roads and the tax rate for Adams county would be \$3.65, and there is few counties in

the state with a less tax rate than that. But Decatur's tax is \$1.87, and with that rate Decatur has paid her bills and reduced the city debt. The present council have laid the foundation and those who will be chosen to succeed them the first of next year will need but keep in the straight and narrow way and to continue the business policies of their predecessors. This done, it will mean the getting out from under the load of debt placed there many years ago, and about which there is no mystery and never was.

We note with pleasure the retention of Jacob R. Graber as superintendent at the county infirmary, and his retention, too, by the unanimous voice of the board of commissioners. This but adds official color to what has been generally known for a long time, and that is that Mr. Graber with the assistance of his most estimable wife, cannot be duplicated for the duties they have to perform. Their work has been watched by charity organizations in this state and elsewhere, and they now hold recommendations that would land them in a much better place—financially—if they cared to take it. We are glad they will continue with us, and we know that God will bless them for the benevolence they have administered to the poor and needy and friendless.

## WILL LEAVE CITY

I. L. Babcock and Family  
Will Move to Frankfort, Indiana

## FOR FUTURE ABODE

Mr. Babcock Owns a Furniture Store in That City

I. L. Babcock has arrived in the city from Frankfort to remain for a short time as the guest of friends and relatives. Mr. Babcock, it will be remembered, purchased a furniture store in Frankfort some time ago. He immediately went to that place where he expected to conduct the business for a short time and then dispose of it. However, since being there he has been so taken by the city that he has decided to move his family to Frankfort for permanent abode, and preparations to that end are now under way. Mr. Babcock has been in the real estate business in Decatur for several years and while here was successful in his line of business. The many friends of the family will deplore the fact that they will leave the city and will give them their well wishes for a prosperous future. The furniture store owned by Mr. Babcock was obtained through a deal in which he disposed of his farm and it has proven to be a good business.

## FAIRBANKS LEAVES TOKIO

Tokio, June 7.—Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice president of the United States, who is in Japan on a tour of the world, left Tokio for the southern part of the empire today. He was accompanied by his private secretary and a representative of the Japanese foreign office, delegated to attend him during his stay in Japan. A large party of diplomatic and government officials and many American residents assembled at the station to bid him farewell.

## VINOL CURES CHRONIC COUGHS, COLDS AND BRONCHITIS

### After Other Remedies Fail

"I have been troubled with a chronic cold and bronchitis for a long time and have tried many remedies without finding relief. Through the kind suggestion of a friend I tried Vinol, and after taking four bottles, am entirely cured." A. H. Wilde, 733-8th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

S. McDonald, 147 W. Congress St. Paul, Minn., writes: "I contracted a severe cold last winter and thought I would never get rid of it. I tried Vinol as a last resort, and it has completely cured me."

Vinol combines two world-famed tonics, the healing, medicinal properties of cod liver oil and tonic iron, deliciously palatable and agreeable to the weakest stomach. For this reason, Vinol is unexcelled as a strength-builder for old people, delicate children, weak and run-down persons, after sickness and for Chronic Coughs, Colds and Bronchitis.

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## SOCIETY COLUMN

Mr. Otto Hilderbrand and Miss Flora Bracht United in Marriage

## THE THIMBLE CLUB

The Reception Given Rev. Vernor by Christian Congregation Was Pleasant

The Aid Society of the United Brethren church will meet with Mrs. Robert Perkins, Thursday afternoon at her home in the west part of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bowers and daughters, entertained a company of their friends at a dinner party Sunday and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. O. K. Muckley and son King of Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. Emery and daughter Marie of Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Glass and son Fritz of Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Stultz and daughter Virginia, Mr. McTatrick, of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Derbyshire, all of Fort Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heyward of this city. All of the guests, excepting Miss Marie Emery, Fritz Glass of Huntington and Miss Virginia Stultz of Fort Wayne have returned to their home, but they will remain for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bowers and family.

A wedding was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock which united the lives of Otto Hildebrand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hildebrand, of near Magley, and Miss Flora Bracht of near Honduras. Rev. O. P. Vitz of the Vera Cruz Reformed church performed the ceremony at the home of the bride's father, Lewis Bracht. Both the bride and groom are popular Adams county young people.

The Aid Society of the Christian church will hold its meeting Friday afternoon with Mrs. Harry Helm. Every member is urged to attend on account of important business.

The Thimble Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. B. Adams where a pleasant time will be in order.

The reception given last evening for Rev. Vernor by the members of his congregation, was very pleasant. On account of the threatening elements and the rain many did not come. However, there was a large attendance and they were all entertained royally. A program was rendered as follows:

Solo.....Margaret Daniels  
Duet.....Harvey Lee, Jesse Bentz  
Talk.....Rev. D. O. Wise  
Talk.....Rev. Richard Spetnagel  
Response.....Rev. F. H. Vernor  
Four girls served light refreshments after the program, and a social hour was spent.

A splendid program and social evening was enjoyed at Meibers hall last evening which was given by the Yeomen lodge. The Juvenile Band boys were present and contributed toward the enjoyment. The program was as follows:

Juvenile Band.  
Vocal duet.....Cora Daniels, Grace Middleton.  
Open Talk.....Cleo Reop  
"The New Baby".....Virginia Platz  
Reading.....Naomi Cramer  
Solo.....Eoli Gentiss  
Song, "The Day is Gently Sinking".....By E. G. C's  
"Woman's Duty".....Mrs. James Bain  
Piano Solo.....Crystal Kern  
"Dog and a Tramp".....Alma Brown  
Juvenile Band.  
"A Lonely Little Grave in the West".....Mrs. Elnora Platz  
Juvenile Band.  
"A Snap Shot".....Three Girls  
Juvenile Band.  
"Good Bye Little Birdie".....Virginia Platz  
Juvenile Band.  
Dialogue.....Mabel Cramer, Dorsey Garard.  
Juvenile Band.  
Flower Contest.....Mrs. Yahne  
Prizes were won in this contest by Cleo Reop, who secured first prize and Miss Naomi Cramer, who secured the booby prize.

The regular meeting of the Holy Grail will be tonight and business of importance will be discussed. The boys have decided to give an ice cream social on the church lawn next Thursday and the public is cordially invited to attend. The Queen Esther girls will give a banquet soon in honor of the second anniversary of the organization of the Holy Grail. The

banquet will be on Friday, June 18. The parade next Thursday to advertise the social will be a good one, there will be caged animals and other attractions. Everybody is welcome to attend the ice cream social next Thursday evening.

The Queen Esther Circle will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Daniel Sprang. All the members are requested to be present, as it will be an important meeting as well as a social one.

The Helping Hand Society of the German Reformed church will meet tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, June 9th, at the home of Miss Lizzie Knapp.

The Missionary Society of the Evangelical church will meet at the parsonage with Mrs. J. A. Smith, Thursday afternoon. A good program will be rendered. The report of the district convention held at Fort Wayne will be given by Mrs. E. M. Snitz, L. L. Baumgartner and the hostess, who attended. Every member is asked to come and enjoy the meeting.

A surprise masquerade party was given on Rev. Wise of the Evangelical church yesterday afternoon by the small boys of Mrs. J. A. Tester's class. The minister had been requested to remain at home in the afternoon and he did this, thinking that some one of his congregation wished to consult him. In the meantime the boys had gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cramer on Second street. With their

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## A UNION SERVICE

All Lodges of the City Will Observe Decoration Day

## ON NEXT SUNDAY

I. O. O. F. Invite Orders to Join Them in Observance

At their regular meeting held last night the I. O. O. F. lodge of this city arranged to extend invitations to all the lodges of the city to join with them in observing their annual Decoration Day next Sunday. Representative members of each organization were present and accepted the invitation cheerfully. Those who will receive invitations are Rebekahs, Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Modern Woodmen of America, Royal Neighbors, Ben Hur, Elks, Yeomen, Maccabees, Red Men and Pocahontas. As arranged the different lodges will assemble on Second street at two-thirty o'clock Sunday afternoon and will from there march to the Decatur cemetery followed by a brass band. Upon entering the cemetery the various lodges will decorate the graves of their departed members after which they will assemble to hear an address on Fraternalism by Hon. D. E. Smith. The occasion will be a most memorable one and without doubt hundreds of Decatur people will participate in the services which will be very impressive.


## NO REASON FOR DOUBT.

When we offer to return the money paid us if our claims do not prove true, we must know exactly what we are talking about when we say Rexall "93" Hair Tonic will relieve scalp irritation, dandruff and falling hair, and prevent baldness. Don't scoff, doubt or hesitate. Try the remedy at our risk. Two sizes, 50c. and \$1.00.

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## FIVE WEEKS YET

Big Woodman Log Rolling Promises to Be a Great Event

## JULY SEVENTEENTH

Many Camps Have Already Joined the Association

The big Woodman log rolling is but five weeks hence and consequently the various committees are busying themselves in making great preparations for the great event. There have been a number of camps over the district join the log rolling association during the past few weeks, and many more have indicated that they would join soon and a big crowd is assured. The committee on arrangements have practically completed their work and the other committees are dispatching their work. The local camp expects fully two thousand people to be present on July seventeenth and arrangements have been made to well take care of that many. Beautiful Steele's park will be the scene of the various contests and dinner will be served in a pavilion, which will be erected on an ideal spot therein. Decatur business men have indicated their willingness to give the log rolling association their loyal support and the event will certainly be the most memorable held in the city for many years.

## MUST NOT MARRY

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quarters, where the chairs and bookcases are not a whit better than Mrs. Jones' who was quite below her set at home, and whose Pa was a green grocer. Or she has to put up with brown servants who speak Tagalog and defy her efforts to make them cover their chocolate colored bodies with the decent habiliments of civilization. Then the babies come and it's worse than ever. There is the question of Hubert's health. The climate doesn't agree with him. If he survive the illnesses of tropical childhood and attain the age of educational susceptibility what school is there to send him to? Likely as not when the boy is in the midst of the mumps papa is ordered off on an expedition of three months where the tsetse flies are thickest, and fever germs run riot. And about the time she gets the problem worked out and has reconciled herself to home-made gowns and the simple military life, there comes an order from Washington—What's-his-name always did dislike John, who is, perhaps, a first lieutenant by this time—and the family is shunted back to Arizona or Alaska. So it is easy to see that what is

## Big Sale of Silverware Cut Glass and China

All during the month of June Take advantage of same and save from 10 to 30 per cent. I am closing out all my China at cost which is an actual fact as I wish to put in another line and need the room.

## SEE WINDOW DISPLAY

for prices and I know you will buy. This is the place to get bargains and quality is always considered first.

W. L. LEHNE, Jeweler.

## 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 desirable residence properties on north Third street at \$2,000.00, \$2,300.00 and \$2,500.00.
- In-acre tracts and small farms we can now offer you:
- 760—Is a one-acre tract just outside of 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.....\$2,200.00
- 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
- 771—Is a good small farm of thirty acres; is on the stoned road, near school, and has comfortable cottage house; is a good grade of land.....\$2,350.00.

See our large lists of city and farm properties for further descriptions.  
needed is a co-ed military school, a sort of Annapolis or West Point seminary for girls for their education as prospective officers' wives.  
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