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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

Oswald B. Wemhoff, clerk of the city of Decatur, has developed unusual marks of competency, and we hasten to congratulate him for his thoroughness. His records are marvels of accuracy, are well written and his knowledge of the affairs of his office denotes a close application to his duties as city clerk.

Protection is simply the taking from one man in order to give to another. There can thus be no such thing as an honest protective tariff. One such tariff may be more honest than another, but all alike are dishonest and oppressive.—Indianapolis News.

This does not harmonize with the statement made by Senator Beveridge in explaining his vote against the Aldrich tariff rates. The senator said then that "to be a protectionist does not mean to be an extortionist." If it is not extortion to take from one what belongs to him to give to another who has no legal right to it, what is it? The Aldrich crowd wants to take a little more than the Beveridge crowd—that is the only difference.

It is hard to understand just why anybody should get excited about the failure of the Republican party to "keep its promise" on the tariff question. What was its promises? Were not the people told that the tariff must be revised by its "friends"? Who are its friends? Only the protected interests. Certainly the consumers who constitute the masses are not the friends of the system that skins them to the bone in every transaction. What real reason did the people have to believe that the friends of the tariff would revise it downward? What campaign promise has the Republican party ever kept when the powerful interests have said nay? The present tariff system will never be revised properly until it is revised by its enemies.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to the kind neighbors and friends who assisted us so kindly and in so many ways during the illness and death of our beloved daughter, Dorothy. We wish to especially thank the many who tendered the pretty floral emblems and the quartet who furnished music.

Mr. and Mrs. Mailand Harmon.

SPANIARDS REPULSE MOORS
Desperate Fighting Reported and New Troops Are Rushed.

Mellia, Morocco, July 24.—An official statement issued this evening, concerning the fight between the Spaniard and the Kabyle tribesmen says that before dawn this morning the Moors opened a general attack on the Spanish advance positions, concentrating their efforts against Sidi Musa and the garrison at Cape Moreno. The fighting was of the most furious character, but a sortie by six companies of Spanish infantry and a light field battery was successful and the enemy fell back two kilometers. In the fighting a Spanish colonel and three other officers were killed and thirteen wounded. The number of casualties among the enlisted troops is not known. Newly debarked troops have been hurried to the front. The fighting during the afternoon resulted in a defeat for the Spanish troops. Under a galling fire by the Moors they were unable to hold the ground they had gained, and at nightfall in order to avoid disaster, retreated to their old positions.

FAREWELL PARTY

Mrs. Voglewede Will Entertain at Dinner Party for Mr. and Mrs. Uhl

OUTING FOR GIRLS

Of the Elite Club—Will Spend Vacation at Rome City

Mrs. J. H. Voglewede will give a farewell dinner party Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. B. Uhl, who leave for their home Sunday evening. The guests will be the intimate friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Uhl.

The dance at the park last night was well attended, about thirty couples spending the evening very pleasantly by dancing. During the time spent there, those who attended had the privilege of hearing some good music.

The Y. L. E. club girls will leave tomorrow morning for Rome City, where they expect to spend several weeks enjoying the pleasures at that summer resort. The girls are the Misses Agnes Voglewede, Amelia Weber, Kynt Voglewede, Lillian Meyers, Ida Kohne, Louisa Brake, Edna Ehinger, Ode Fullenkamp.

Miss Florence Sprunger entertained Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Knoff, of Berne, at dinner yesterday evening. Dr. and Mrs. Knoff are visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Jennie Fuhrman was the guest of Mrs. Ed Bailey at dinner today. Mrs. Fuhrman is spending the day in the city.

The contract for a school house in St. Marys township was let today, the bids being opened at the law office of D. B. Erwin. The bidders were thick and St. Marys township will get a cheap school building.

Mr. and Mrs. Mailand Harmon.

THE MEYER FAMILY

Will Hold Reunion at Maple Grove Park—Will Have Good Time

ABRAHAM MEYER

Will Reside in Wells County in Future—Son Leaves for Colorado

The Meyer family will hold a family reunion at Maple Grove park tomorrow. The event promises to be one of the most enjoyable and largely attended given for some time. The reunion is especially in honor of Abraham Meyer, who is eighty-two years old and in honor of his son Peter Meyer, who will leave in a few days for his home in Colorado. The former will live in the future in Wells county with one of his children. All the children and grandchildren will be present, and it can well be imagined that they will have a very happy time. At noon a big picnic dinner will be spread. For the past several days the members of the family have been planning the event and making preparations for the picnic. The children are Peter Meyer of Colorado, John D. Meyer, Eli Meyer of this city, Mrs. Henry Prendorf, Mrs. Jonathan Baumgartner, Henry Meyer, Mrs. John Glancey, Mrs. Wegmiller of Geneva. The children and their families, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will all greatly enjoy the day.

LET THE CONTRACT

Mauler & Custer Landed the School House Contract in St. Marys

BIDDING WAS CLOSE

Work Will Soon Begin on this Structure and Be Rushed to Completion

At the law office of Dore B. Erwin immediately after the noon hour, bids were opened for the construction of a brick school house, and when the same is completed it will be located in district one, St. Marys township, and is known as the Union school house. Eight bidders presented their tickets to the township advisory board, they all with Trustee O. J. Suman being present at the letting. The bidders and their bids were: Linn & Patton \$3,075, Baegley & Baumgartner \$3,377.50, Mauler & Custer \$2,565, Fred Hoffman & Son \$5,300, Mann & Christen \$2,738, Sam Kuntz \$3,369, Dan Welkel \$2,800, George Brewster \$3,195.36. Some of the bids were close, but Mauler & Custer won out by a small margin, their bid being \$82 lower than the next low bid. The

building will be a brick structure, of handsome design and containing all the necessary ventilation demanded by the state board of health for the preservation of the health of the children, who may attend the school at district number one. The successful bidders and contractors will make good their end of the contract and give to St. Marys township one of the best buildings of its kind. They will begin work in a few days and will rush the work to completion.

HE BUYS A REO TOURING CAR

William Holle of Union Township, Buys an Automobile.

William Holle of Union township, and one of the best farmers and good fellows in the county, has purchased a Reo, five passenger touring car, and from this time forward will demonstrate the fact that a farmer really has more business with an automobile than any one else. The car is a beauty, and Mr. Holle and family will enjoy much pleasure from the purchase. It is thought that many other farmers in the county will soon own a car.

DEATH DRAWS NEAR

Louis Webber of West of the City Cannot Survive

CONDITION CRITICAL

A Cancerous Growth Foretokens Death of Farmer

Louis Webber, residing two and one-half miles west of Decatur, over whom a consultation was held yesterday by Drs. Clark of this city and McOscar of Fort Wayne, can survive but a few days, according to a statement from the physicians. The afflicted man, who is fifty-five years of age, was taken ill seven weeks ago. A superfluous growth in the abdomen caused him much inconvenience. The services of a physician were engaged but not until after the cancerous growth had spread across the abdomen thus rendering recovery all but impossible. He has steadily grown worse day by day, and every indication points to an early death. It is thought that the spleen is in most part affected. Drs. McOscar and Clark yesterday consulted over Mr. Webber's condition and subsequently gave out the statement that recovery would be nothing short of a miracle. The aged afflicted man is well known over Adams county, and has a large following of friends who will regret to receive the sad tidings.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

Judge Merryman Performed a Wedding Ceremony at Clerk's Office

BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

Ask and Are Given Information from the County Auditor's Office

Oscar D. Cooms, aged thirty, a farmer from near Bryant, Jay county, and Ida Jane Kelley, aged thirty-one, of Geneva, were granted a marriage license Saturday morning. A few minutes later at 8:30 Judge J. T. Merryman said the words which united them in the happy bands of wedlock.

One real estate transfer was filed it being William W. Swartz to Theodore H. Gray, lot 335, Geneva, \$1,000.

Auditor Michaud had his first business transaction with the state board of accounts today, when he received a request that he fill out blanks which were enclosed, giving some very necessary information, including the names of all the township trustees and assessors and their addresses, the expiration of the terms of all the county officers, and alphabetical list of the cities and towns in the county. The information was returned to the board forthwith.

Several of the township trustees were in the city today, making their annual report to County Superintendent Opliger. Monday is the last day for filing these reports.

A marriage license was issued to Joseph Gettys, aged 23, a farmer from near Hartford City, and Ethel Brandyberry, aged 22, of Monroe.

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ANOTHER TESTIMONIAL

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Decatur, Ind.

Dear sir:—The three double breasted Prince Albert suits arrived O. K. We are all well pleased. Fine fitting garments. Please save our measures for the future orders.

With best wishes we remain

Yours Respectfully

Don C. Hall & Co.

P. S. We will be in Decatur again. You can depend on all our business. Thanks to the gentleman who recommended you to us.

Harvest Time is Here Again!

Soon you will be ready to buy that farm or city property. Carefully read this list, which gives some of the best locations on the market. Small or large tracts, medium and modern city properties are now offered for sale by the

THE SNOW AGENCY—Decatur, Ind. 'Phone 230.

Ninth street. Good location, near Adams street. Chicken park, etc.

745—A nearly new five-room cottage on South Front street. Good cistern, water, sewerage.

746—A desirable fifteen acre tract on the traction line near Decatur. Good buildings, house is on a nice elevation.

747—Is a good thirty acre tract on the stone road near market and school. Is largely black land, small buildings.

748—A roomy seven-room residence property, with cellar, stable, etc. on north Third street. Good sewerage.

749—A good, well located cottage on Mercer avenue. Electric lights, cistern and city water, stable, etc.

750—A well located and convenient cottage on South Tenth street. Porch, well, maple shade, trees, stable, etc.

751—A well located story and a half residence on the traction line in south Decatur. Stable, city and cistern water, bath, electric light, etc.

752—A well located and convenient cottage on South Front street, good sewerage, brick walk, cistern, etc.

753—A well improved forty acre tract on a good pike road near Decatur. Is well fenced and near school, and market.

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