

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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## THEY DID BUSINESS

Important Meeting of the City Council Last Evening

NORTH SECOND ST.

To Pay Fritzinger Balance —Monroe Street Cement Walks

The members of the city council met in regular session last evening every member answering the roll call except Councilman Christen, who by this time is seeing all the sights at the Seattle exposition, and is not worrying about the tax rate or other matters that never cease to give a city officer the nightmare. Mayor France presided, the first official business being the reading of the minutes, and Clerk Wemhoff waded through this part of the program in short order. The street commissioner that was, but is not now, made a report of a poll tax list of those who had either paid or worked the streets to the extent of a two dollar poll tax. The list will be turned over to the street commissioner that is, Harry Cooken, and he will continue the game of making every able bodied American citizen in this city, who has never served in the defense of his country, or exceeds the age limit, put up to the extent of a poll tax. Mayor France reported the appointment of Harry Cooken as street commissioner, and the same was approved and ratified by the council, and his salary limited to fifty dollars a month. He will furnish a five hundred dollar bond, and have it ready for action by the council at their next meeting. The mayor also announced the appointment of L. L. Baumgartner as city engineer, his services to be limited to one day each week, unless the council in their wisdom found it necessary to employ him for a longer time than one day each week. The payment is four dollars a day, and this appointment was ratified and a contract will be drawn covering all the fine points, which later come up for ratification. The Braun alley sewer will be sold at the regular session of the council on Tuesday evening, September 7, and the clerk was directed to prepare the proper notice and have it published as provided by law.

Perhaps the most important part of the proceedings was the presentation of a resolution to pay Woods & Haugk, contractors on north Second street, the sum of \$32,389, that being the principal and interest to date for the unpaid amount due the contractors. This is the E. Fritzinger assessment which the Adams circuit court said he did not need to pay, because the assessment exceeded the benefits. The resolution was permitted to go over, but it will later be passed, and it means that about next July these contractors will get their money with interest, from a special levy that will be made for the purpose of such payment. This is the means provided by law for such a payment, and this council always had a habit of closely following the law.

The street and sewer committee were instructed, and there was some emphasis placed upon the instructions, to make a thorough examination of the condition of north Second street, where at places the interurban tracks are sinking below the surface of the street, and where holes in their brick street are fast becoming more hole than street. The committee is instructed to report at the next session the best sort of repair, and they are also expected to come up to the scratch with the information that such repairs as are settled upon will be immediately, if not sooner, made in strict accordance with the wishes of the council and in compliance with a franchise, now a valuable asset of this interurban company.

Here is another dinger. The Monroe street cement walks must be built and it will save added costs and considerable bad feeling if the property owners along this beautiful thoroughfare—when it is graced with cement walks—get a hump on and save the time, trouble and delay of selling out the jobs and permitting the property

owners to do nothing but pay the bills. Clerk Wemhoff was instructed to notify the property owners of this action, and in two weeks from this day and date there is liable to be something doing.

The only sign of the coming city election, came in the report that the polling place in precinct "B" first ward, is no more, the office of the Decatur Egg Case company, where these weighty matters were formerly settled, having some time since been burned to the ground. Arrangements will be made for another place. The matter of transferring some insurance on the new city boiler now in use was referred to the purchasing committee. An adverse report was made on the request of the Decatur Filler company for the privilege of two standpipes to be sealed, and to be given this privilege without a meter. The report was concurred in. An adverse report was also made on the extension of the water line to the Decatur Packing company plant, as such extension would have to be made over private property. A warrant was ordered issued to Chil Omor for the sum of ninety cents, that being the rebate due him for a saloon license which he did not use in full. Chil (Continued on page 2.)

## REV. HARLAN HERE

He is the Business Head of the Old People's Home at Warren

## LAY CORNERSTONE

This Great Event to Take Place on Tuesday of Next Week

Rev. M. A. Harlan the business head of the old people's home at Warren, was in the city today on business for the home. Rev. Harlan said that Decatur Methodists were doing the hand-some thing by the home, and he was well pleased with the showing they were making. At present he is boosting the cornerstone laying which will occur on next Tuesday, August 10, and they expect visitors from all over the northern part of the state to be present. Many from this city will go over and witness the ceremonies and enjoy the day. The services will begin at ten o'clock in the morning, and at two in the afternoon Bishop Anderson, a favorite with Methodists everywhere, will address the throng. A basket dinner is also on the program, as well as a reception to the bishop. Work on the building of the home will be pushed and the contract calls for its completion by the first of next year. The building will be 100x150 feet, with fifty rooms, all steam heated and lighted with electricity. Rev. Harlan is enthusiastic in the work of the home, and is doubtless a good man at the head of this great institution. He left on the ten o'clock car for Fort Wayne, where he will continue to spread the salve in the interest of the old people's home at Warren.

## THE MORRISONS ARE AT HOME

Came Home After Long Absence in Mexico.

Mrs. Morrison and daughter came home last night, the former having been absent for the past six months, the most of this time being spent at Oaxaca, Mexico. Both came home feeling fine and report that the climate in Mexico is the one thing that is good for most ills. As related a few days ago, Mrs. Morrison left Mexico just ahead of the quake that played such havoc, and of course reached safety before the calamity made itself known. The many friends of both Mrs. Morrison and daughter will be glad to hear of their safe return and will welcome them to our city.

DIED FROM BRIGHT'S DISEASE

Jesse Swank of Geneva, died at the home of L. Burd late Monday evening, after a long illness with Bright's disease. The deceased was unmarried and is survived only by his sister and is a sufferer from headaches and used headache powders continually to relieve the suffering.

## EARNEDE THEM MONEY

Young People of U. B. Church Contribute to Fund

## FOR PARSONAGE

They Told How They Earned the Money Last Night

Members of the Y. P. C. U. of the United Brethren church gathered at the home of Isaac Nelson last evening, where after the conclusion of their regular business session each of the members contributed fifty cents to the parsonage fund and told how he or she earned it. At a recent meeting it was decided that each member earn fifty cents in some manner and present that amount to aid in defraying the expenses of building the beautiful new parsonage. The young people got busy and responded nobly to the call. About thirty members and a number of guests were at the Nelson home last evening when the mites were given to the treasurer, Mrs. John Hill, and it was indeed interesting to hear each individual tell how the money was earned. Mrs. Philip Meihls easily carried off the honors for she earned her money by building a chicken coop and pressing a pair of trousers. Others present had queer experiences also in obtaining the money. A happy time was had and elegant refreshments were served before the most estimable young people departed for their homes.

## SOLDIERS HAPPY

Uncle Sam Forwards Vouchers for Their Pensions

## ARE RECEIVED TODAY

Drafts for Pensions Will Arrive in Few Days

Veterans of the civil war were today made glad by the receipt of their pension vouchers, which were filled out properly before notary publics of the city. The vouchers arrived in the city this morning and the recipients went before a notary public, where their signature was attached and place of residence sworn to. The vouchers are then forwarded to the United States pension agent, who on approval of the voucher, forwards a draft for the stipulated amount given each pensioner. There are a large number of Adams county people who are on the pay roll of Uncle Sam and one time each quarter they are made glad.

The Sam Henry Post, G. A. R., will meet tomorrow night in regular session, at which time they will dispose of important matters. The report of the committee appointed to solicit funds for the purchase of grave markers will be read and acted upon, and in all probability the markers will be purchased in the near future.

## BY HEADACHE POWDER ROUTE

Newcastle, Ind., Aug. 4.—Acetanilid, a drug which works on the heart, and which is in headache powders, was the cause of the death of Mrs. Charles R. Riley, whose dead body was found in bed at her home in Middletown last Sunday morning. After investigating the case County Coroner Hiatt's formal verdict is accidental death caused by acetanilid poisoning. Mrs. Riley was a sufferer from headaches and used headache powders continually to relieve the suffering.

## MISSING ASSISTANT POSTMASTER

Fled from Cold Springs, N. Y., and is Held at Fort Wayne.

Fort Wayne, Aug. 4.—Charging that Frederick W. Royce, arrested in Fort Wayne last week with a companion on a charge of forgery and now held in jail in default of bond in the sum of \$500, is in fact the missing assistant postmaster who fled from Cold Springs, N. Y., with more than \$2,000 of the money order funds, Postoffice Inspector John N. Hunter today filed an affidavit to that effect before United States Commissioner T. J. Logan. In his cell at the county jail today in the presence of Chief of Police Ankenbruck, the man who has used three or four aliases in Fort Wayne admitted to Postoffice Inspector Hunter that his name is Royce; that he was formerly employed in the postoffice at Cold Springs, but strenuously denied that he had taken any funds belonging to the postoffice. Government agents will seek to have the case in the state courts against Royce dismissed in order that he may be prosecuted under the federal statutes. Within a few days it is expected that the postal authorities will bring to Fort Wayne a certified copy of the indictment returned against Royce in the federal courts, and somebody to positively identify the man.

## MADE STATEMENT

Minority in Congress Shows

How New Tariff Works

## TO VOTE TOMORROW

Tariff Bill Will Pass in the Senate Tomorrow Afternoon

Washington, August 4.—Representative Cullop, of Indiana, put in the Record at the request of minority leader Champ Clark, a statement designed to show that the tariff bill does not reduce duties below the Dingley rates. "This means that in addition to the rates fixed in the more than 4,000 specific schedules there shall be added as the tariff 25 per cent. of the value of the articles as the real tariff on the same, and hence this raises the average tariff rate to 72 per cent., the highest by far ever levied. Let us illustrate what is meant by this. For instance, take rough lumber, the cheapest kind. The specific duty fixed in the schedule is \$1.25 per thousand, but to which must be added the 25 per cent. ad valorem duty provided by said section 2. Suppose such lumber is valued at \$10 per thousand feet, 25 per cent. of that value is \$2.50, to which add the \$1.25 and it would make the tariff on rough lumber of that value \$3.75 per thousand feet. On lumber valued at \$20 per thousand the tariff is \$6.25, and on lumber valued at \$30 a thousand it is \$7.50. The Dingley rates are \$2 a thousand straight. Thus it will be seen there has been a very large increase in the tariff on lumber instead of a decrease, if the maximum rate prevails, and we believe it will.

Washington, August 4.—The tariff conference report will be voted upon in the senate at 2 p. m. Thursday. An agreement to this effect was reached yesterday at 12:30 o'clock, at the conclusion of a speech by Senator Clapp. The unanimous agreement was reached on motion of Senator Bailey. Soon after this agreement was reached the senate, on motion of Mr. Aldrich, adjourned until 12 o'clock today.

## IS REPORTED AS BETTER

Judge Allen Zollars Showing Signs of Improvement.

Though the condition of Judge Allen Zollars at the Hope hospital continues to be very critical, it is believed a slight improvement can be noticed over yesterday as his pulse is beating better. He is suffering from stomach trouble with a mild degree of absorption from the wound of the first operation. His temperature is generally normal and he has but little fever, but it is not known whether his feeble constitution will be able to withstand the effects of the second operation last week or not.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

## TWO APPOINTMENTS

Governor Filling Boards at the State Institutions

## HE NAMED TWO

Mrs. Ellingham Named on Board at the Indiana Girls' School

Walter S. Chambers, of Newcastle, editor of the Newcastle Democrat, was appointed by Governor Marshall yesterday to the vacancy on the board of trustees of the Central hospital for the insane, caused by the recent death of Eli Marvin, of Frankfort. The appointment is until January 1, 1912, and becomes effective at once. The governor also appointed Mrs. Nellie M. Ellingham of Decatur, a member of the board of managers of the Indiana Girls' School at Clermont, to succeed Mrs. John B. Elam of Indianapolis, whose resignation, tendered the governor some time ago, becomes effective October 1. Mrs. Elam has been named a member of the board of state charities. The Indiana Girls' School is located at Clermont, seven miles out from Indianapolis. Previous to 1907 the Girls' School and the Woman's prison were combined. The legislature during this year divided them and located the industrial school at Clermont, where new buildings were erected, and where all incorrigible girls under the age of twenty-one are located and kept. Here too, they are taught to work and to concentrate their lives to better ways. Much good is being accomplished and it is thought that in a few years the girls' industrial school will be the greatest charitable institution in the state. The board of managers is composed of three women, some of whom have devoted much time and thought to charity.

## WERE AT BLUFFTON

The Commissioners Attend a Joint Session There Today

## THE SESSION ENDS

Reports by Various Officials Took up Most of the Session

The commissioners completed their session last evening, and this morning went to Bluffton, where they were slated for a session with the Wells county board. Objections will be heard to the construction of a macadam road on the county line, between Hartford township in this county and Nottingham township in Wells county. The board were accompanied by County Attorney Lutz and T. H. Ernst.

John H. Runyan, treasurer of the Geneva school board, made settlement with the board late yesterday in which the affairs of the school city of Geneva were given the proper O. K.

A refund in taxes was given to Daniel Huser in the sum of \$7.98, and also to William H. Ruby for \$2.40.

Auditor Michaud is busy making up his records made this session, which every month entails many pages of record, showing in detail every item of business done by the board.

At the joint session held at Bluffton today they ordered the M. J. Engle road on the Adams-Wells county line sold, the day of sale being fixed for Wednesday, September 8. Several other matters relative to this road were attended to.

Mrs. Mary Bremerkamp and children will leave in a few days for Goshen, where they will make their future home.

## BANK MAY SOON OPEN

Tipton Bank Will Likely Open Soon for Business.

Tipton, Ind., Aug. 4.—Depositors of the First National bank were well pleased when the statement came from almost an official source that the institution was preparing to reopen next Monday, it being believed that the work of ascertaining the value of the paper on which money had been loaned would be completed by Wednesday night. The books have been gone over and it is the difficulty in getting assurances of authenticity of signatures from distant persons as to notes that is holding back the report. There was additional confidence shown when it was asserted that there would be no receiver asked for and that the amount of money shown in the discrepancy of the books would not exceed that given to the treasury department by Miller Weir, the bank examiner. This is thought to indicate that Noah R. Marker's speculations have been confined to the last year, and that the books before that time do not show evidence of juggling.

## HAD PARADE TODAY

Fred Rohrer Getting His Advertising Bureau to Working

## OCCURRED TODAY

Thinks a Saloon in Twenty Years Will Be a Novelty to the Youth

Fred Rohrer is having a parade at Berne today. The parade was made up of boys and girls who never have seen a saloon from the outside, or any other side. This will not prove very encouraging for those who see and read the signs of the times, and in them see the cause of the anti-saloon league waning. Here is the way the Berne Witness advertised the affair:

If it is possible to do so there will be a parade of boys and girls, four to six years old and over, who never saw a saloon and don't know what the inside or outside of a saloon looks like. It is possible that in time to come, perhaps in twenty or thirty years from now, many grown people will not know what a saloon is, and they will ask their parents and grandparents: "What were those things people used to call saloons? What were they for and what did people do there?" There are no doubt many boys and girls in Berne who have never been away from home and do not know what a saloon was, having never seen one here to their knowledge. Boys and girls come to the Witness office this afternoon and they will be given a free ride to the grove tomorrow at the head of the parade.

## WAS SOLDIER IN MEXICAN WAR

Ferdinand Meyer Visiting the Scenes of His Boyhood.

Returning to see his army comrades of sixty years ago, Ferdinand Meyer, of San Leandro, Cal., who enlisted in Fort Wayne as a soldier in the Mexican war arrived in the city Monday evening and is a guest at the Wayne hotel. Mr. Meyer is 82 years of age, and is accompanied by his wife and his niece Miss Florence Locke. When they decided upon an eastern trip some time ago, Mr. Meyer determined to stop for a few days in Fort Wayne, from which, save for a day or two in 1904, he had been absent for sixty years. Today the aged man, in excellent health and with interest as keen as in the olden days, took a drive about the city in the effort to locate some of the old landmarks which he knew as a young man half a century ago.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

## MEETING AT COMMERCIAL CLUB

The stockholders of the Decatur Furnace company are all requested to be present at the Commercial Club this evening, at which time a meeting of importance will be held. Questions touching the welfare of the institution will be discussed, and it is urged that those interested attend the meeting.

## CLUBS THE FASHION

A Separate Locker for Each Member to Get His Booze

## A SLICK WAY

No Law is Violated and Everything is Lovely

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 4.—The rapid increase in the number of "social clubs" in the "dry" territory in the mining fields of the state, including Vermillion, Parke, Clay, Owen, Greene and Sullivan counties, is giving the Anti-Saloon league considerable concern, and fear is expressed that the clubs will defeat the purpose of the county option law under which these counties have been voted "dry."

Within the last two weeks a dozen of the clubs have been incorporated under the state laws governing social clubs and will operate in these counties. The organizations are formed for the purpose of enabling the members to obtain beer in the clubhouses, without violating the county option or "blind tiger" laws. Thus far no law has been found which can prevent their operation under the plans adopted. The clubs are organized usually with three directors. By-laws are adopted governing the membership and plan of operation, and clubrooms are opened. The rooms are fitted with a separate locker for every member, and a large refrigerator kept iced from the club funds. Under a decision to the effect that intoxicating liquor may be purchased in "wet" territory by a citizen of a "dry" territory and taken or shipped into "dry" territory, the club members order their beer in bottles from "wet" territory, in most of the instances referred to, from Terre Haute, inclosing cash or money orders with the beer orders. The bottles are then shipped to the buyer in care of some one designated to receive them and placed in the lockers in the clubroom, from where it is taken and placed in the refrigerator either by the owner or a steward of the club. No law of the state thus far discovered is violated by such procedure. Whether the community in which such a club is established will suffer less from the club than the licensed saloon remains to be seen the Anti-Saloon league declares.

## WILL MOVE TO INDIANAPOLIS

C. C. Dean of Bluffton, Will Go to the State Capital.

Charles C. Dean, state forester, is making preparations to move to Indianapolis as his duties as secretary of the state forestry board keep him at the capital city most of the time and he wishes to have his family there. When Mr. Dean