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WE JOIN

IN THE INVITATION

The city election is less than a month off, but in this time every voter in the city can find time to visit and inspect the municipal plant.—P. L.

We join in this request and hope that it may be possible for every voter in Decatur to visit the water works and electric light plant between this time and election day. You will find there one of the best equipped and best managed plants in the country, and since the installation of the new boilers, the plant is fixed to dispose of all the business that for the present and for some little time to come, may come their way. The water works and electric plants in this city are similar in character and experience to every other institution of its kind—municipal or private. Take for illustration the career of the Citizens' Telephone company, and they have torn out and enlarged their switchboards at least a dozen times since their organization, and every time they improved them they felt sure that they were large enough to take care of their business for years to come. This has been the experience of the municipal plant in this city. Their business outgrows their facilities, and they have to improve and enlarge in order to keep pace with the great and growing business done. The boilers recently taken out were too small, and to keep them in service meant not only a loss in business, but it also meant endangering the entire plant. The boilers were not ruined and worthless, but have already been contracted and resold. Sold, of course at a loss, as compared to their original cost, but sold and taken out in order to make more perfect and complete the service of these municipal plants. Is this bad management? Is this a symptom of reckless extravagance or isn't it good business management, good hard sense, and haven't the present council acted with wisdom in making the water works and electric light plants grow and keep pace with the business done. An institution that earns to exceed thirty thousand dollars a year, and one too, that even P. L. says might be worth one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, isn't a bad piece of "junk" after all. The Democrat joins P. L. in his invitation to every Decatur citizen and especially if you have a vote at the coming election, to visit the plant and while there give it a close investigation and study.

The city needs a change in

management and the introduction of business methods in the management of her property.—P. L.

Following the Republican administration previous to 1898, when ninety thousand dollars was added to the city debt, did P. L. think there ought to be a change? In 1905 another period following a Republican administration of city affairs, and when the city debt had reached the appalling sum of \$124,584, did P. L. think there ought to be a change? Now it is different. The Democrats are in and of course P. L. is certain that a change will cure the ills that do not exist. The Democrat is honest in the belief that Decatur has had too many changes in its officers and in its management of municipal affairs. We believe that the present officers in the next four years will make it plain that they are the sort of reformers that reform. They will reduce the city debt, cut down the interest charge, lessen the burden of taxation and at the same time will give the city a model administration. New men means new methods all around, new policies, and for their adoption the taxpayers pay the freight. P. L. wants a change for partisan reasons, but the taxpayers had better keep them in, for good business reasons.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

A Fifty-Five Dollar Case Comes Here from Allen County. Change of Venue

SUIT ON A NOTE

Scott-Graham Case Will Be Tried at Bluffton Next Week—Other Items

A suit on note, in which the controversy is only \$55, has been filed here on change of venue from Allen county, entitled May Lancaster vs. Persa R. Bell, suit on note. The attorneys for plaintiff are Sumers & Kennerk.

Charles Heffner vs. Jacob Hunsicker, damages \$600, demurrer overruled, defendant files offer of \$92; answer filed in two paragraphs; cross complaint filed.

Albert Miller vs. Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry. Co., damages \$5,000; demurrer filed to complaint.

The case of D. E. Scott vs. L. A. Graham, for a settlement of accounts, will be tried at Bluffton next week.

John W. Watkins vs. John W. Meibers, alienation of wife's affection, second paragraph of answer filed by defendant; rule to reply.

John H. Smith has transferred to Catharine Lewis, 33 acres in Wabash township, the consideration being \$1,200.

FOR SALE—Forty acres of land, four and one-half miles south of Monroeville. Good buildings, four acres of good timber. For further information address Willis Magner, Decatur, Rural Route 12.

SOCIETY COLUMN

Mrs. William Weiland Entertained the Ladies of Aid Society

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Mrs. George Tester Gives a China Shower—Other Items of Interest

A surprise upon Rosa and Roy Hook, in honor of their fifteenth birthday occurred Tuesday evening

and was participated in by about seventy-five of their young friends. The evening was spent in music and games and at a late hour refreshments were served. Rosa and Roy were the recipients of a number of pretty presents. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Furrman Burkhardt and family, Misses Nellie Lammerman, Ada Robison, Vera Gurly, Minnie and Laura Wolfe, Ethel Hawkins, Agnes Longaberger, Fannie Baufon, Cora Davies, Edna Lynch, Alta Bryan, Frances Myers, Eva Ray, Lulu Morrison, Lilly Teeple, Mary Wechter, Ada Lautzenheiser, Lulu Teeple, Della Dellinger, Goldie Nye, Bessie and Ida Rhoads, Effie Strickler, Iva Harper, Edna Ruby, Golda Durr, Jessie Ruby, Emma Lautzenheiser, and Charles Andrews, Orva Carr, Elmer Burnett, Frank Nye, Charlie Sprunger, Will Dellinger, Fred Lautzenheiser, Frank Lynch, Harry Carver, Owen Keifer, Joe Morrison, Joe Brunett, Joe May, Glen Workinger, Ed Nedestine, Roy Ray, Grover Carver, Chester Bryan, Elson Davies, Lester Davies, Clarence Longenberger, John Ritter, James Vanette, James Keifer, Gale Baufon, Grover Ray, Roy Lautzenheiser, Curt Ray, Russel Dunafan, Oscar Teeple, Earl Ripley, Jesse Steele, Hosea Andrews, Clarence Hilyard, Newton Lansworthy, James Strickler.

A china shower was given last evening by Mrs. George Tester at her home in the south part of the city, in honor of her sister, Miss Annetta Hackman, who is to become the bride of Mr. William Bogner on the twenty-seventh of this month. The evening was spent in playing games and in other amusements so as to make the affair a long remembered one. The principal feature of the evening was the announcement of her marriage which is to take place in a short time. Later during the evening a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess. Miss Hackman was the recipient of many and beautiful presents. Also the prizes which were won during the evening were awarded to the bride to be. After a late hour the guests departed for their homes wishing Miss Hackman all the success possible.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church will give a social tonight at 7:30. A splendid program has been prepared and it promises to be interesting. Everybody is invited to come and bring a friend. There is no admission. Remember the program will be given tonight at the church.

Mrs. William Weiland of west Monroe street, entertained the Ladies' Aid Society of the German Reformed church at her home yesterday at a quilting after which a delicious and sumptuous luncheon was served. Mrs.

Railing, Misses Julia and Martha Railing of Convoys, were guests.

The Helping Hand Society of the German Reformed church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Keller in the north part of the city, and a most delightful time was had. The out of town guests were the Mrs. Rev. George Grether, of Manitowoc, Wis., and the Mrs. Rev. Schneider of Magley, Ind. Mrs. Grether's husband was pastor of the German Reformed church before Rev. Hessert came to the city. She was glad to see her old friends again and also the great progress which was made in the church. Rev. Grether, Rev. Schneider and Rev. Hessert are attending the synod at Huntington, which is going on there for the past few days. Later in the afternoon refreshments were served by the hostess which were very delicious.

Mrs. Grether and Mrs. Schneider were entertained at twelve o'clock dinner yesterday at the home of Mr. Peter Kirsch, and at six o'clock supper at the home of Mr. Mathias Kirsch.

Miss Bertha Butler entertained very pleasantly last evening at her home on north Second street. Music and a contest was the entertainment and later in the evening a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Albert Butler. An enjoyable social hour followed. Those present were Misses Dessie Beery, Marie Butler, Flora Fledderjohann, Lucile Gillig, Osa Cowan, Vernia Smith, Celia Mayer, Susie Mayer.

The Lady Maccabees will give a public entertainment next Monday evening at the Ben Hur hall. A good program is being prepared, which will appear late in this paper. The program is for the benefit of the order, and it is hoped a good attendance will be given from the public. Admission fifteen cents. Refreshments will be served.

CONDEMN ALDRICH

Indiana Republicans Looking Toward Washington

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Charles McGonagle of Muncie, Urged for Congress

Washington, Oct. 8.—The Republicans of four congressional districts in Indiana are looking to the federal service in Washington for material for congress, if current rumors here are to be credited. Some of the twelfth district Republicans are urging B. F. Harper of Fort Wayne, auditor of the war department, to enter the race for the nomination, and Walter Penfield, son of the late Judge W. L. Penfield, one time solicitor for the state department, whose home is at Auburn, has a strong following. Charles McGonagle, deputy auditor for the postoffice department, who votes in Muncie, has been urged to try to reclaim the eighth district to the Republicans. He is still considering it. A. L. Lawshe of Converse, third assistant postmaster general, was urged two years ago to get into the race for the Republican nomination in the eleventh district, but declined. He is again being importuned. In the first district there is a formidable movement for Thomas F. Littlepage, law partner of former Senator Hemenway, who is employed as an expert in the senate in investigating executive expenditures. Mr. Littlepage is now in Boonville, but before he left he declined to say whether he would consent to make the race.

Washington, Oct. 8.—The citizens of Jeffersonville, Ind., and some business men of Louisville have been writing letters to the quartermaster general of the army protesting against the proposal to remove the quartermaster's depot from Jeffersonville to Chicago. Secretary Dickinson, himself a Chicago man, has been inclined to look with favor on the recommendation of Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, commanding the department of the lakes, that the depot at Jeffersonville be abandoned.

PIANO TUNING

Mr. J. R. Lohmeyer, expert piano tuner, will be in Decatur for a few days. Orders left at this office will be carefully attended to. All work guaranteed. J. R. Lohmeyer, Marion, Ind.

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A PIONEER IS DEAD

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SICK A FEW DAYS

But Had Been in Poor Health for Some Time—Here Over Sixty Years

Jacob P. Crist, widely known and highly respected farmer, living about three miles southwest of this city, died at 10:30 this morning after being seriously ill but a few days. For two or three years he had been failing but was able to be about and up to last Saturday was able to do some work. At that time his ailment became acute and he declined rapidly. He suffered from paralysis of the bowels, and to which were added other complications and the infirmities of a man of his years. Mr. Crist was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, January 3, 1831, the son of Samuel and Sarah Crist, natives of Pennsylvania. In 1845 he came to this county and settled on section 19, Washington township, which was then a wilderness. His father died when he was but sixteen and the care of the family devolved to a great extent upon Jacob. He was educated in the early

district schools and in 1857, on January 15th was married to Nancy A. Parrish, a sister of Joshua and Abner Parrish of this city. The marriage was a happy one for more than fifty years, and the aged wife is deeply saddened by this separation. Five children were born to them, two of whom have preceded the father to the better land. The children living are Mrs. John Floyd, at home, Mrs. J. W. Schooley of Elkhart, Ind., and Mrs. William Dehl, Elkhart. Other relatives are two brothers, Elias of this city, and George, whose farm adjoins that of Jacob and one sister, Mrs. John Schafer, of South Bend. Mr. Crist was a well to do farmer, owning a hundred acres of good land or more, and his home was one of the handsomest and most convenient in the township. He has been an ardent Democrat during his life and was a good worker in the ranks. He was a faithful member of the Protestant Methodist church.

IN LITTLE RHODDY

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retary of state, Frank E. Fitzsimmons, Lincoln; attorney-general, James A. Williams, Providence; general treasurer, Edmund Walker, South Kensington.

FOR RENT—New cottage house in first class condition; will rent by month or year if taken soon. Dr. M. F. Parrish, Monroe, Ind.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Packing Company, at the office of the company at two o'clock p. m., on Tuesday, October 26, 1909. This is the annual meeting at which time the election of seven directors and the disposal of any other business will come before the meeting. JOHN S. BOWERS, President.

Democrat Want Ads. Pay

Have Your Meters Set

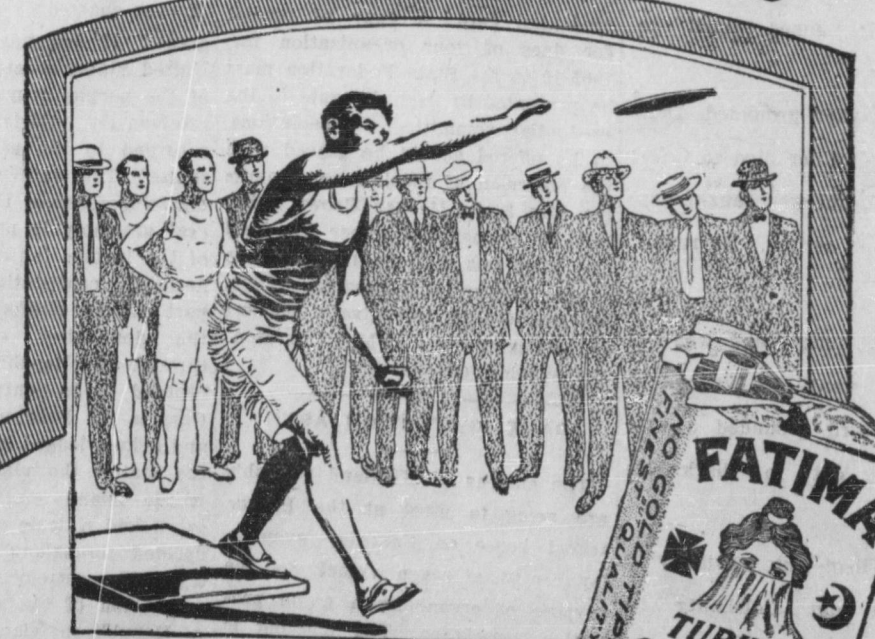
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