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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 wants 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.

Charles Heffner vs. Jacob Huisicker, 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.

The city needs a change in

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. Furnan Burkhardt and family, Misses Nellie Lamverman, Ada Robison, Vera Gurlin, Minnie and Laura Wolfe, Ethel Hawkins, Agnes Longerber, Fannie Bautton, Cora Davies, Edna Lynch, Alta Bryan, Frances Myers, Eva Ray, Lulu Morrison, Lilly Teeple, Mary Wechter, Ada Lautzenheiser, Lulu Teeple, Della Delling, 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 Springer, Will Delling, 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 Longerberger, John Ritter, James Vanette, James Keifer, Gale Bautton, Grover Ray, Roy Lautzenheiser, Curt Ray, Russell Dunafan, Oscar Teeple, Earl Ripley, Jesse Steele, Hosea Andrews, Clarence Hilyard, Newton Lansworthy, James Strickler.

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 Dossie Peery, Marie Butler, Flora Fledderjohann, Lucile Gillig, Osa Cowan, Vernia Smith, Celia Mayer, Susie Mayer.

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.

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