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THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For Mayor
HERMAN L. CONTER
For Clerk
H. M. DEVOSS
For Treasurer
W. J. ARCHBOLD
For Councilman-at-Large
JACOB MARTIN
M. BURNS
For Councilman First Ward
ISAAC CHRONISTER
For Councilman Second Ward
JOHN D. HALE
For Councilman Third Ward
CHARLES N. CHRISTEN

BILLY IS ALWAYS RIGHT

In the editorial columns of yesterday's Democrat the period of our greatest indebtedness is placed in the year 1895, and our greatest indebtedness at \$124,584. Billy the official bookkeeper places the date at 1905. Who is right?—P. L.

Billy is always right. The time was actually 1905 closely following on the heels of a Republican administration of councilmanic affairs, which left the city holding the sack for \$124,584. Besides that they did not leave a thing that was not spent including a tax rate of a dollar and twenty-six. And by the way P. L., there are no kicks on those blooming prosperous days, are there?

Go out and look. Search the city over and see if you can find any evidence that Decatur has even had a council since they took office.—P. L.

There is great logic in the above. Why not specialize yourself P. L. and not ask your readers to dig up that for which you are paid to supply. Why not tell them that the interest rate has been reduced to four and one-half per cent., while heretofore six and eight per cent. was the amount of interest paid by the city fathers. This reduction was made too, by the present wasteful and extravagant council who do not know much any way. This is but one item and before the campaign ends we will enumerate you one hundred thousand others that are equally as good or better.

At last P. L. admits that there has been a reduction in the city debt, although the increase in the tax rate is said to amount to more than the actual reduction made. For the sake of argument we will let P. L. have his way. Isn't it a relief to have a council that will reduce instead of increase the debt of the city, and do you not actually feel already as

though we were getting out of the hole, and that some day the old score will be paid and that we will be free from the terrors of owing and paying interest for the privilege of owing. Any council who has business enough to lay the ground work, and who thinks enough of himself and posterity to pay up and stop the interest, is certainly neither wasteful or extravagant. It smacks of something better than that. In fact it is a safe bet that a council that will reduce instead of increase the debt, that they are real business men, and safe for the city to tie to. Even P. L. admits that this council has done this, and having made an excellent showing in the first four years, in the next four they will do more. The city debt at the end of another term ought not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, and at the same time the tax rate can be reduced. There are many reasons why this is possible, but the most simple and logical reason in the lot, is that the city has begun the payment of its indebtedness. They have the affairs of the city in hand, they have its business systematized, they pay their bills as they make them, and there is no reason now why they should not reduce the debt, and lower the tax levy every year. The members of the council say that they can do it, and their record in the past is sufficient evidence to us that they will do it, if commissioned by the voters of the city. Let's give it to them P. L.

A GOOD PROGRAM

Has Been Arranged by the
**Maccabee Ladies for
Benefit Occasion**

ON MONDAY NIGHT

Admission is Only a Nickel
and This Includes Good
Refreshments

The lady Maccabees on next Monday night will give an excellent program for the benefit of the order at the Ben Hur and Red Men hall over the interurban station. They solicit the patronage of the public. The following is the program:
Opening address..Lady Commander
Instrumental Solo
.....Mrs. Quincy Neptune
Song.....D. H. S. Quartet
Reading.....Mrs. Kaiver
Vocal SoloJessie Bentz
Violin Solo.....Don Burke
Instrumental Solo.....Edna Hoffman
Song.....D. H. S. Quartet
Instrumental SoloIrene Eady
Whistling SoloVic Stone
Instrumental Duet.....Mrs. Yoder
and Gally Nelson.
Vocal SoloGlenn Neptune
Instrumental Solo.....Florence Sprunger
Reading.....Nora Del Smith
Instrumental Duet.....Ruby Miller
and Electa Glancey.
Song.....D. H. S. Quartet
The admission will be ten cents for adults and five cents for children under ten years of age. Ice cream and cake will be served as refreshments. Be sure and come and bring your friends.

SOCIETY COLUMN

Presbyterian Endeavor Society Gave Excellent Program

LADY MACCABEES

Will Give Public Entertainment Monday Evening

The program given at the Presbyterian church by the Christian Endeavor Society was a splendid one of music and addresses. Misses Frances Cole and Naomi Dugan had charge and planned the program. Several more such meetings will likely follow.

The Beulah Chapel society entertained Thursday at a minister's convention. All the ministers of surrounding churches were present. A splendid program was carried out and a pleasant time enjoyed.

Piano pupils of Miss Martha C. Kettler will give a recital this afternoon at 5 o'clock at her studio. It will be an informal affair, only the participants being present. Miss Kettler will play several of MacDowell's compositions, after a brief sketch of the late composer's life. These to take part are Hazel France, Lulu Atz, Lola Dunn, Naomi and Dorothea Dugan, Vera Hunsicker, Winnifred Ellingham, Joe Burge, Vera Clark, Frances Laman, Cora Peck, Nellie Nichols and Ruth Bowers.

Miss Anette Johnson, English teacher in the high school, chaperoned a party of young folk to Geneva today, where they attended the ball game, the home team playing with Geneva. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by the party.

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OBITUARY

Eunice Olive Death, daughter of Stephen R. and Elizabeth Cowan was born in Adams county, Ind., Oct. 29, 1843, and living in this county until her marriage to Daniel Death, April 2, 1861. Soon after her marriage they moved to St. Paris, Ohio, where was born to them one son, E. H. C. Death. She united with the Methodist church of that place and later on returning to Adams county, she united with the Christian church of Bobo, and was an active member of the church until its abandonment, when she united with the Methodist church of this place, always keeping her relations to the church. She was attacked with a stroke of paralysis about the year 1890 and later with two more. Always battling through them until last

Wednesday night, when she was taken ill, there came another stroke, which took her life Monday, September 20, aged 65 years, 10 months and 21 days. She leaves one son, 11 grandchildren. Her husband preceded her three years ago. She also leaves two brothers, James Cowan of Bobo, John Cowan of Pleasant Mills, and two sisters, Mary Falk of Bobo, Lucy Martin of Bloom City, Wis., also a host of relatives and friends. Mrs. Death was of kindly disposition, a good mother and a faithful christian. During her last illness she calmly waited her departure with simple, childlike trust in her Redeemer. May the memory of her character shed a happy influence over her numerous friends and relatives. Funeral services at the Mt. Tabor M. E. church Wednesday Sept. 22 at 2 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. S. Marsh.

RUSHED IT ALONG

Will Robison of Kokomo, Plead Guilty to Murder of His Wife

OCCURRED THURSDAY

Twenty-Four Hours Later He Had Been Sentenced to Life Imprisonment

Kokomo, Ind., Oct. 2.—William A. Robison, who Thursday afternoon shot and killed his wife, Jennie Robison, while she was shopping in the Thalman & Levi department store, pleaded guilty Friday afternoon to murder in the second degree before Judge Kirkpatrick in the circuit court and was sentenced to life imprisonment at Michigan City. This is a record-breaking arrest, trial and conviction so far as local courts are concerned. The shooting occurred at 4:20 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Within five minutes Robison was arrested by Constable Welty. Within as short a space of time was behind the bars and at 3:15 Friday afternoon was under sentence. At noon Robison held a long conference with the prosecuting attorney, A. G. Manning, who, at his request, explained the law to him in detail, informing Robison that he was entitled to a lawyer and a trial by jury if he so desired. Taken to the court room by Sheriff Brown, Robison faced the court and said when the charge was read: "Well, I guess that is the best I can do. I don't want any lawyer, as I don't believe one could do me much good." The prisoner raised his hand before his face to conceal his tear and said in indistinct and husky tones: "I did not mean to do it." To law officers he explained that he did the act under an emotional impulse. This afternoon he was busily engaged in making out a list of his personal effects to dispose of them and asked to talk with relatives.

ATTENTION! ALL METHODISTS AND THEIR FRIENDS.

Owing to the repairs on our church we will have to hold services elsewhere for several weeks. Tomorrow's services will all be held at the regular time in the library hall. Let all the Sunday school members be especially directed and let every teacher be at the library 15 minutes before school time.

Sherman Powell, Pastor.

SUNDAY DINNER AT ANDERSON & DOLCH RESTAURANT.

Vegetable Soup
Celery Sweet Pickles
Roast Beef Roast Pork and gravy
Stewed Chicken with gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Baked Sweet Potatoes
Cold Cream Slaw
Escalloped Oysters Creamed Peas
Ice Cream Cake Pie
Coffee Tea Milk

DETECTIVE ASS'N MEETING

The Adams county Horsethief Detective Ass'n will convene in special session at Grand Army hall, Decatur, Ind., Saturday, Oct. 16, 1909, at one o'clock p. m. All members are requested to be present as the new work will be given by our delegate, Mr. James Hurst, who has returned from the national meeting held at Frankfort, Ind., and his report will be interesting to all. We also extend to all law abiding citizens of Adams county to be a member of the Ass'n for our mutual protection in the future. So you can hand some one of our company your application to be acted upon. Come ye all members to this special meeting.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

Ella Debolt Was Granted a Divorce from Chauncey Debolt this Morning

CUSTODY CHILDREN

Divided Among Parents—The Tague Case Will Be Tried Monday by Jury

Albert Miller vs. Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad company, damages \$5,000, demurrer overruled; leave asked by plaintiff to file an amended complaint.

Ella Debolt was granted a divorce from Chauncey Debolt and was given the custody of the minor daughter, Edith, while the defendant was given the custody of the two sons, Clarence and Leo, until the further order of the court. Contrary to expectations the case was a quiet affair. Shortly after the original case was filed, the defendant filed a cross-complaint, as full of sensational charges as can be imagined, but a week or two ago his attorney withdrew and the divorce was granted by default, the parties evidently having reached an agreement without the publicity of a trial.

Real estate transfers: Susan Hocker to Samuel H. Hocker, 80 acres French tp., \$1,000; William Yager to John Fraughiger, 80 acres French township, \$11,000; George W. Reynolds to Adam Miller, 82 acres Jefferson township, \$5,600.

The case of the Reed Shoe company vs. F. B. Tague, to collect an account of \$400, is set for trial Monday. It will be heard by a jury. The case is rather an unusual one. Some months ago Mr. Tague purchased a bill of goods from the Reed company. When the case arrived it contained only empty shoe boxes. Mr. Tague refused to accept it and company claimed that when they shipped the goods, their responsibility ceased.

Attorney C. L. Walters filed a new case today entitled Jesse A. Swartz vs. the heirs of Mary F. Swartz, deceased, in which a petition for partition is asked and that real estate thus owned be sold by a commissioner under orders from the court.

A marriage license was issued to Woolley C. Pontius and Stella Liddy, both residents of southern Adams county.

The last will and testament of Eunice O. Death, was filed for probate at the clerk's office. It gives to the surviving son, Clyde Death, a house and lot in Rivarre, and all personal property belonging to decedent.

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No. 787—Is a well improved five acre tract within a half mile of Decatur, good water, story and half house.....\$1,250.00
No. 793—Is an eight and three quarter acre tract on public road, joins Decatur corporation has fair improvement\$2,250.00
No. 799—Is a well located 15½ acre tract near the city, ordinary house, good barn, and some other buildings (would accept good small property as part payment) \$3,000.00
No. 743—Is a fifteen acre tract well improved on traction line, good barn, comfortable house, good poultry farm\$2,500.00
No. 808—Is a well located twenty-two acre tract near Decatur corporation. Is on main stone road, nice building sites, well fenced, tiled, \$2,100.00
No. 789—Is a well improved twenty-two acre tract about a mile and a half from Decatur, all new, and good buildings\$2,550.00
No. 794—Is a well located 67 acre tract near Decatur on stoned road. Good land, well drained, and some good buildings.....\$110.00 an acre
No. 806—Is a good eighty acre tract close to market, on stoned road, new large buildings, good water, etc.,at \$90.00 an acre
No. 791—Is a well located eighty acre tract near traction line, on stoned road, has at least \$1,500.00 worth of good buildings at \$62.50 an acre.

We have also a large number of other tracts at from \$90.00 to \$125.00 an acre. And vacant city lots some on brick streets in good locations at reasonable prices.

No. 792—Is a single story residence of six rooms on Market street, city and cistern water, brick sidewalks, alley lot\$800.00
No. 778—A comfortable large cottage, on good sewer, on south Tenth street, good barn, drove well, fruit maple shade, etc.\$1,750.00
No. 785—A well built seven room residence on stone foundation in south Decatur, on water and gas lines, electric lights, etc.\$2,200.00
No. 752—A new well built story and a half residence on north Third street, cellar, electric lights, city water good sewerage, etc.\$2,300.00
No. 786—Is a new seven room story and a half residence, on traction line, brick street, good cellar, stable, etc.\$2,750.00
No. 807—Is an up-to-date ten room residence on the brick street, about three squares from the court house, two cellars, hot and cold bath complete, furnace, electric lights, good stable, plenty of fruit, weathered oak and natural wood finish, is well located and a desirable property\$5,000.00
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