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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

### EVERY DEMOCRAT

#### SHOULD VOTE 'ER STRAIGHT

The tax rates vary from \$1.43 at Huntington to \$2.13 at Montpelier. Portland with a rate of \$1.50 is the second lowest, while Winchester with a rate of \$1.64 is third lowest. — Winchester Journal, Rep.

The tax rates vary from \$1.43 at Huntington to \$2.13 at Montpelier. What, is it possible that there is another town in Indiana that has a higher tax levy than Decatur, and is it possible that Huntington has the lowest in the state, and that their rate is \$1.43. This in the face of the hope that P. L. has been giving us, to the effect that the tax rate in this city was higher than any other town in the state, and in most instances it is three or four times higher. Bluffton, Portland and Winchester were all quoted with tax rates about one-fourth that of Decatur, when in fact their rates are not materially different than the rate here. Who has been coloring the facts and what for? What motive prompted P. L. in misquoting the facts about the tax rates in the different cities in

## THE PLATFORMS

### DEMOCRATIC

Believing that the voters and the citizens of the city of Decatur are desirous of knowing what the political parties and the candidates nominated by them stand for, and on which they ask the suffrage of the voters, the Democratic party by and through the candidates nominated do hereby declare and pledge a strict enforcement of all the laws, state, corporate and blind tiger.

We believe in an honest and economical administration of the municipal government, and do hereby pledge ourselves to so administer the affairs of the city so as to make the expenses the least possible burden on the people. And in order that the people may know at all times the exact financial condition of the city, we pledge a full and complete report at the expiration of each six months, the report to show a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements of each and every fund and of all monies received and disbursed during that period, and that there shall be a publication of the same.

As the assessment of taxes is an essential element in the progress of all municipalities, we believe that under a continuance of a Democratic administration the city debt and tax levy will continue to be materially reduced, and we hereby pledge our best efforts to that end.

The party being one of progress believes that improvements should be made when needed. It stands at all times for civic pride and the beautifying of the city. But in the expenditures of monies good judgment should be used and the candidates nominated pledge only judicious improvement, and in all public work that labor should be paid a fair wage.

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M. BURNS,  
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### REPUBLICAN

"Slip One in For Me."

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\* If elected mayor of the city \*  
\* of Decatur, it will be my honest \*  
\* purpose to uphold and enforce \*  
\* the law, and especially the law \*  
\* against the blind tiger and the \*  
\* bootlegger. They shall not live \*  
\* during my administration, and \*  
\* my first instruction to every ap- \*  
\* pointed police officer will be that \*  
\* their resignation will be demand- \*  
\* ed upon the first evidence of such \*  
\* law violations. \*  
\*\*\*\*\*  
HERMAN L. CONTER.

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the state? Do you think he is even half honest in his cry for reform? The truth is, it is politics with P. L. He wants his party's candidates elected to the offices in the city for the sake of politics, and that comprises his stock in trade as a reformer. He has gone the limit in misrepresenting men and facts in this campaign. His misrepresentations about the tax rates is a base slander upon the good name of the best business city in the state, and the voters should make quick work in rebuking the slanders that has thus been heaped upon her. In addition to that, it ought to remind every Democrat of his sacred duty on election day. When such attacks are necessary to gain party favor, then it is time for every Democrat to line up in one solid phalanx for his party ticket. In this instance it ought to be easy for every Democrat to vote a straight party ticket. His candidates are pledged to the fulfillment of their official duties, and that law enforcement, economy, an accounting of all receipts and disbursements of the municipal plants, a reduction in the city debt and a lower tax levy are promised the people in event of their election. The candidates that are opposing them have only one plank in their platform, and that reads, "slip one in for me." Now, honor bright, who ought to win, and what else should a Democrat do but vote the straight Democratic ticket.

If there ever was any reason for a Democrat to vote the opposition ticket, that reason has certainly been canceled. P. L.'s method of distortion of the facts about the present council was sufficient, but when he added a misstatement of the tax rate as existing in the several cities

around here, together with the Republican platform of "slip one in for me," the limit has been reached. It is clearly and unmistakably the duty of every Democrat to vote a straight ticket and show their disapproval of such methods.

Mr. Fordyce has had another busy day. He has been handing out the salve and giving utterance to the platform. It has been "slip one in for me" with him all day. Out of respect for an election in which the voters of the city are asked to name their choice for the important offices in the city, we think that even at this late day, the Republican candidates ought to get together and formulate something different and something better, than just "slip one in for me."

It is time now for the Democrats to line up to the man for the Democratic candidates and the Democratic ticket. The Republicans are doing the lining act and they are doing a good job. The Democrats should be equally as wise. They have every reason in the world to be strictly Democratic in this election. Their candidates are pledged to every form of an economical government and, law enforcement, while the Republican candidates are not pledged to anything, their only argument being "slip one in for me."

The smoker held at Democratic headquarters last evening was one of the best political gatherings ever held in the city. The discussions were confined to the accomplishments of the present council and their promises for the future. Facts and figures were produced to show that while the present officers were Democrats, their official conduct has been solely along the lines of business. They have reduced the city debt, paid off the old scores, rebuilt the water-works and electric light plants, made the credit of the city gilt edged, issue no city order without the money to pay it, made it possible for every laboring man that does work for the city to get his money, were progressive but sound and logical when it came to spending the people's money, and in all the speakers were enthusiastic over the accomplishments made during the past four years. The headquarters were crowded to the doors, and they were all in sympathy with everything that was said and done. Quite an active campaign has been planned and the coming week will be a busy one for the Democrats of the city.

The issues of economy and law enforcement on the one hand, and "stick one in for me" on the other, is enough to decide this election in advance. Get ready to vote the Democratic ticket straight.

The Democrats all over Adams county are watching with keen interest the campaign in this city. The Democrats in the city cannot afford to be the fall guy. They must win. Defeat is disorganization, and as an example we need but refer to the last two election in township, where with four hundred majority or more the two Democratic candidates went down in defeat, and to be truthful the Democrat does not expect that a Democrat will be elected trustee here for at least the next dozen years. Why? One defeat disorganizes, and two defeats almost disrupts the party organization. The Democrats will be scrapping that fight over for the next twelve years and nothing can avert the storm. Let's put a crimp in P. L.'s madness to make Decatur as uncertain and easy for him and his party as is now Washington township. That is all P. L. is now laboring for in his great and unbecoming role as a reformer. It is all he ever did work for, and the Democrats can well afford to get wise before it is too late. Let's "slip one into him" and the rest of the boys, and thus keep our party organization intact.

### 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.

## SOCIETY COLUMN

### Presbyterian Aid Society

Met with Mrs. L. A. Graham Yesterday

### A NUTTING PARTY

Hallowe'en Will Be Generally Celebrated by the Young People

The Presbyterian Aid Society with Mrs. L. A. Graham yesterday afternoon, enjoyed one of its best meetings. After the business session, a social hour of conversation and refreshments ended the meeting. An offering was taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson and son Doyle, of Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Sheets and family, Misses Georgia Beery, Ida Weldy, of Marion, Frankie Aurand of Decatur, were guests at a dinner, which Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gault of near Peterson gave yesterday in honor of their son, William Gault, wife and daughter, of Wabash.

A nutting party with Glen Tague and John Baumgartner as captains, enjoyed the day at the Johnson farm, north of the city. A number of young people are planning to take similar excursions tomorrow, the fine weather tempting them away from usual work.

Miss Osa Cowan pleasantly entertained a company of young people at her home at a card party last evening. Delicious refreshments were served and an enjoyable social time spent.

Hallowe'en in the city will be observed generally, especially among the younger people. The social calendar contains a number of parties all of which promise to be very pleasant. Hallowe'en is an especially appropriate time for mysterious decorations, which offer in great variety, so that it is easy for the hostess to entertain her friends in a novel way.

Mrs. John Fleming, of Kenton, O., was a guest at the home of Mrs. P. G. Williams of Second street, at dinner yesterday noon, and in the evening a guest of Mrs. Amos Gillig. During her short stay in the city Mrs. Fleming assisted the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church in their rummage sale, making a record in the increasing of the treasury of the society. Mrs. Fleming was formerly president of the society. She returned last evening to her home.

Miss Delma Daniels, teacher of the school just south of Preble, announces a social and a good time at her school on the evening of October 29. It will be a Hallowe'en affair, with fortune telling and a trip around the world, and a general good time besides. An invitation is extended to the friends of the school and a large crowd will be present.

## IT IS SMALLPOX

There is an Epidemic of Smallpox at Fort Wayne

### ARE MANY CASES

Many Doctors There Disagreed and an Expert Was Called

Fort Wayne, Oct. 22.—The city board of health was fully sustained in its contention that the epidemic now flourishing in the west portion of the city is one of smallpox. In this decision Dr. Bruggeman, secretary of the department, was backed up by the diagnosis of numerous of the cases in dispute by Dr. Oliver A. Ormsby, of Rush Medical college, who was brought here to settle the question of the nature of the disease and removed further doubt in the minds of the local physicians, many of whom have held honestly that the cases were forms of milder skin eruptions. In company with Dr. Bruggeman and attending physicians who have held that the cases were not smallpox, Dr. Ormsby visited the neighborhood yesterday and diagnosed the cases as smallpox without any further question. All the physicians readily admitted that such must be the case, and "carded" and quarantined houses

will remain so and all cases now existing and those which may arise will be dealt with in definite manner. When interviewed on the situation last night Dr. Ormsby said: "The epidemic now raging in Fort Wayne is smallpox. The cases are the same as those which I have seen all over the middle west during the past ten years. A few of the cases over which there seemed to be some dispute, while irregular in some of the symptoms, are undoubtedly smallpox."

## IT'S A BUSY PLACE

The Treasurer's Office is the Busiest Place in the City

### ONLY SHORT TIME

One Week More for the Payment of the Fall Installment of Taxes

About the busiest place in Decatur these days is the treasurer's office where the fall payment of taxes is in progress. At ten o'clock this morning the receipts were eleven thousand dollars, thus showing that the people of the county are taking care of their accounts with the county and with the state. One week from next Monday is the last day for the payment of this installment without the penalty, and during that time the treasurer's office will be busy all the time. They keep open at the noon hour and until eight o'clock in the evening, for the accommodation of the public and those who cannot find the time to pay their taxes during the regular business hours of the day. Up to this time they have not been overly busy and this means that the rush from this time on will be on. Treasurer-elect Yager is now in the office helping with the business, and incidentally he is getting on to the ropes for his administration which begins on the first day of the coming year. The force at work there is such that it will be hard for the people to come too fast to swamp them.

The work of setting up the book typewriter for the auditor's office will soon begin. The company has sent a man here from the factory who will spend some time in giving instruction for its operation.

### THE FIRST SMOKER

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pleased the crowd and made good in the way that means votes on election day. During the evening the boys had cigars in plenty and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed. Another smoker will be held on Monday evening, November 1st, the evening before election.

### NOTICE

In last evening's issue we announced that the funeral procession of Mrs. Hannah Schenpp, who is to be buried tomorrow afternoon, would leave the house for the church at two-thirty o'clock. But owing to the distance from the house to the church, they will leave the house at prompt one o'clock sun time. The funeral services will take place at the Wren U. B. church with the Rev. Tumbleson officiating. Interment will also be made at Wren.

## OUR MAGAZINE LIST

November Books that will interest you. All bright and good.

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## VAUDEVILLE

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October 25 26 27  
Andrey Lavardo—Singing and acrobatic dancing  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
October 21 22 23  
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With Illustrated Songs and High Class Motion Pictures. Always 5c. Come and see us.

The Frank Dibble farm east of town next Wednesday will be one of the largest sales held in this section this fall. The sale notice on the fourth page shows that there is plenty of good stuff to be offered to please everybody.

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