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## THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For Mayor  
HERMAN L. CONTER  
For Clerk  
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For Treasurer  
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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

## NO DOC SHOLTY

### SHAVES GO WITH THIS COUNCIL

"s Jud Teeple wet or dry, and if the impossible should happen, would he double step enough to use electricity for light, and if a hurry up call should come could the message be delivered by telephone? Does Ras Fritzinger still think that the municipal waterworks and electric light plant should be boarded up and the plants shut down? Is Sim Fordyce still running on his record, accounts against the city being paid via the circuit court route? Is Ves Peterson still fighting the Elm street sewer, and everything and everybody else? These are a few of the questions asked daily by the voters of the city, but which the candidates for the reform party fail or refuse to answer. Why? The answer is easy. They are not reformers with any view of reforming the affairs of the city, but they are simply reformers with a view of placing a Republican in office, for the politics and perhaps future good it will do that party. P. L. and some of the rest of the faithful have been making these reform campaigns so long that they are even growing gray in the cause. And it is always reform. Heaven help them when the word wears out. From sample copies of their reform that have been given the city at times when the Democratic heart grew generous, it has been found to be nothing short of a confidence game. It was during one of these unfortunate streaks that the waterworks plant was built and a lemon handed the city in the way of a sixty odd thousand dollar debt, and without a line of record to show how the money was spent. Great is P. L. and greater still, is his reform. Some time later they were so anxious to supply electric light that they caused, under the cover of darkness, the plant of a private enterprise to be entirely demolished, and in its place erected a city plant, but never a line of record to show its cost. Great is reform. At another generous time the city was again reformed, but the city debt grew bigger, the interest heavier, bills accumulated, ending as all such things usually end, suits in the circuit court. And great is reform. Contrast this if you can, with the last four years, beginning as it did with floating orders to the extent of thirty-four thousand dollars, and open accounts against the city until the average business man would simply throw up his hands in despair. It was even necessary for the members of the council to personally guarantee the payment of coal and other supplies that the city plant might continue. Is it any wonder that Billy Archbold might suspect that a conspiracy existed which had for its object the sale of the plant? But the present council lived through it, and the taxpayers of the city may well congratulate themselves that they did. With less than four years of their business ability and attention, instead of an increase in the city debt, it is now thirty-five thousand dollars less, and that means that the interest charge is reduced to that extent. They have rebuilt

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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. \*  
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HERMAN L. CONTER. \*  
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the waterworks and electric light plants, they have refunded the city debt from an eight and a six per cent interest to a four and a four and a half, that in itself saving twenty-five hundred dollars a year. They have paid every order that they issued, and not once has it been necessary for a laboring man to take a Doc. Sholty shave on his order. They have been business men and have managed the affairs of the city as a business institution, and they take the pledge of further reduction and a lower tax levy if they are elected next Tuesday. Your trust will not be misplaced in them. They have the affairs of the city in hand, and it will be dollars in your pocket if they are again commissioned as the guardians of the city for the next four years. P. L. does not think so. We do.

The pledge of the Democratic candidates is for economy, a still further reduction in the city debt, a lower tax levy, law enforcement and the entire obliteration of the blind tiger. What are the promises of the reformers? Count them down and compare them with the pledges of the Democratic candidates. The character of the men on Democratic ticket is evidence of the fact that every pledge made is a sacred pledge, and will be carried out to the letter. On most of the pledges they have been tried and not found wanting. They have made gilt edged the credit of the city, reduced the city debt and promise to reduce it more and on a lower tax levy. The people want the business of the city transacted on a business basis, and they cannot find better men, or ones who will more unselfishly devote themselves to the best interests of the city, of which we all are so proud.

Sim Fordyce is the same busy Indian, yesterday, today and tomorrow. You have his record. P. L. says he is a great councilman—for political purposes—and that is the extent of P. L.'s reform. If you really want a business council, however, make it one more straight for the Democratic ticket. They do things and they do them in the interest of the city, and besides that, they are the candidates of the Democratic party, and they received the nomination in a primary election in which every voter pledged his vote to the ticket.

Doc Sholty thinks this council are bad financial managers. Guess "those good old days" were fruit all right, all right.

Say P. L. that Portland tax levy has grown at about the same rate that the city debt grew under the great business management of Sim Fordyce. The last quotations made it \$2.55. Did you say P. L. that Decatur had the highest tax rate of any city in the state, or is Peets at fault again?

The city administration bases its claim to further confidence of the people in the single claim that the municipal debt has been reduced during their term in office.—P. L.

Not the only claim P. L. They a'so base it on the fact that they paid all the debts of "those good old days" and that courtesy makes a few demands even upon a callous reformer. That doesn't mean you, P. L., for you are beyond salvation.

P. L. is still figuring out the assessed valuation of the city and telling his readers the amount of money this council has squandered. Why not go to the records and get the exact amount, and deal in facts and not fancies? P. L. still thinks that

these are "the good old days" and that the city does not keep any records. P. L. like his candidate for mayor is several laps behind the times.

Jud Teeple desires a correction made in that he uses the city water. This makes one more plank in the platform.

Seriously and heart to heart there is not a Democrat in the city who should scratch his ticket on the memorable next Tuesday. A vote for the straight ticket means much to the city in a financial way, and it means also that every Democrat has kept the faith.

A meeting, a discussion of the issues, a smoker and our own Judge Richard K. Erwin back again. Other stalwarts will be there. Judge D. D. Heller will preside, and Hons. David E. Smith will give the boys a good one. Do not miss this one public meeting in this campaign. At the court house on Thursday evening.

The Review has another guess coming. At first it guessed the city tax levy was \$1.50. When the Sun called attention to the fact that the rate sheet at the auditor's office (which any taxpayer or voter can consult for himself) shows that Portland taxpayers will pay \$2.55 a local representative of that paper consulted the tax rate sheet. The young man's underjaw quivered visibly, the blow almost killed father and in a few days an article in the Review tacitly admitted that the rate "was \$2.32.—Portland Sun.

## WELL KNOWN HERE

Was Mrs. Margaret Shady  
Who Died at Her Home  
Near Craigville

## TUESDAY MORNING

Lived in this County Many  
Years—the Funeral Will  
Be Held Thursday

Yesterday morning at four o'clock Mrs. Margaret Ann Shady, wife of Martin Shady, residing two miles north of Craigville, passed away after three weeks' serious illness. The cause of her death was typhoid fever, which was aggravated by chronic kidney trouble of long standing. Margaret Ann (Leeper) Shady was born August 5, 1860, in Ohio. The family moved to Wells county in the pioneer days of the settlement and located in Rockcreek township. The father of the family has passed away, but the aged mother of the decedent, Mrs. Eliza Leeper, still resides with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Fryback, of Uniondale. In spite of her extreme age she is still mentally active in many ways. The decedent was united in marriage to Martin Shady some fifty years ago. The young couple settled on a farm in Adams county and about thirty years ago moved to their present home north of Craigville. Seven children survive their mother. They are Oliver J., of Anderson; Curtis, residing at home; James T., residing near Kingsland; Clyde E., residing at home; Mrs. Victoria Bender, Piquette; William J., and Albert, both at home. There are also three brothers and two sisters: John Leeper, of Markle; William Leeper of Fort Wayne and James of Bluffton; Mrs. Cynthia Sowles, of Liberty Center, and Mrs. Robert Fryback, of Uniondale. The funeral will be held Thursday morning at the New Lancaster church in Piquette. The cortege will leave the house at 9:30 and the services will be held at ten.

## NOTICE

On next Sunday the North Pleasant Valley church has secured the services of two fluent speakers, who will deliver address in the morning after Sunday school, which will be about ten o'clock. Also in the evening at 7:30 p. m. there will be an address of which all the church members are requested to be present. The time for the Rev. Edmond, pastor of the church, has expired, and the selection of another has not yet been made.

## SOCIETY COLUMN

Card Party Will Be Given  
by C. B. L. of I. at Their  
Hall Thursday

## EUTERPEAN CLUB

Will Meet Tomorrow Night  
at Home of Mrs. E. B.  
Adams

One step won't take you very far—you've got to keep on walking; one word won't tell folks what you are—you've got to keep on talking; one inch won't make you very tall—you've got to keep on growing; one little "ad" won't do it all—you've got to keep em going.

A mush and milk social is the society feature of tomorrow evening the same to be held at the U. B. parsonage. Other refreshments will be served and it is expected that a most enjoyable time will be had by all who attend. The ladies of this church have worked hard in raising their share of money for the parsonage, and the little now lacking will be earned in the way of socials, and they are noted for the social way they entertain.

The Y. L. E. Club which was composed of a number of young ladies, was on last Monday evening reorganized and will from now on be known as the T. B. G. Club. Five new members were added, making a total of twelve. The club will meet once a week and the evening will be spent in sewing and such like work, so as to spend the winter evenings. Miss Edna Ehinger will entertain for the first time at her home on Thursday evening and a regular date for the future meetings will be made. The club is now composed of the following members: Emma Terveer, Ode and Lett Fullenkamp,

Amelia Weber, Lillian Meyers, Bertha Kinney, Marguerite Conter, Edna Ehinger, Ida Kohne, Agnes Voglewede, Anna Clark and Celesta Wemhoff.

A card party will be given tomorrow evening at the C. B. L. of I. rooms. Everybody is invited to attend the occasion.

A meeting of the officers of the C. B. L. of I. was held at the hall last evening. The officers are planning for a number of social occasions, which will follow shortly during the winter.

The Elks will entertain their friends with a dance this evening at their hall, and as usual the event will be a pleasant one. This dance opens the good times for the season and many more occasions of the kind will follow.

The Historical Club met with Mrs. P. B. Thomas last evening enjoyed a pleasant meeting. Mrs. James N. Fristoe read the paper. Mrs. Helen Blossom, of Fort Wayne, was an out of town guest.

All members of the Pocahontas lodge are requested to be present at the meeting tomorrow evening, as there will be practice in drill work. Please be there.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. George Steele on north Fifth street. All members are urged to be present who can.

The Euterpean Club will meet Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. E. B. Adams, corner Winchester street and Mercer avenue. Miss Rose Dunathan will read the paper.

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