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THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For Mayor
HERMAN L. CONTER
For Clerk
H. M. DEVOSSE
For Treasurer
W. J. ARCHIBOLD
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

THE SEASON OF THE LAST APPEAL

Tomorrow is election day. This is the last day in the afternoon of the campaign, and the season of the last appeal. Tomorrow the voters will have the real inning and their verdict is supreme. The Democrat has endeavored to place before its readers and the voters the business as well as the political side of the issues of the campaign. Whether we have succeeded or failed matters not, for after all the greatest responsibility rests with those in whose hands is placed the ballot. Their decision is final and binding for the next four years, so it is up to you Mr. Voter to do your duty and do it right. The Democrat believes more than ever that as a business proposition the Democratic straight ticket embodies all that any voter could wish and that the interests of the city can be better served in their election, than in the election of the reform ticket or any part of it. We believe that our young and progressive candidate for mayor is better capable of serving the people, that he will do it more in keeping with the day and the year in which we live, that he is honest, faithful and capable and is in closer touch with the real things of today than is the reform candidate who opposes him, and who was selected by trained and experienced leaders because he was harmless and inoffensive, and because they thought this fact would help him win the election and thus help these trained and experienced leaders in a political way. We believe that the record of the present council is a better record in behalf of the people than is the record of Jud Teeple when he was on the council, or Simeon Fordyce when he was on the council, or Vea Peterson when he was on the council. We believe that the present council has accomplished more reform than was reform, than any council that has served the city in

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* 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 *

the last quarter of a century. We believe that the fact that they reduced the city debt thirty-five thousand dollars while their predecessors increased it twenty-nine thousand dollars, is but a sample of the reform that the reformers have been palming off on the citizens and taxpayers of the city. We believe that this is one time when it will pay the taxpayers for business reasons to "stand pat" and that it is one time when the taxpayers for personal or any other reasons cannot afford to "slip one in for me." We believe that with the re-election of the present council that the city debt at the end of the next four years will not exceed fifty thousand dollars, and that event it would mean the payment of seventy-five thousand of the city's indebtedness in the last eight years. We believe that the present council have plainly shown their ability and sincerity in the management of the affairs of the city, and that they have used the best financial judgment of any previous council in the history of Decatur, as a city. We believe that the taxpayers of the city ought to congratulate themselves in the fact that they have consented to serve them for the continued period of four years, and that the vote of confidence ought to be overwhelming. We believe that the record of the present treasurer is one that speaks volumes for its efficiency as an officer. During those trying days, we mean "those good old days," he was bulldozed and browbeaten from soda and hock because he would not kite one fund to another fund, and pay orders that technically he had no right to pay. He had the backbone to do his duty then and he has done it since, and he will ever do his duty, no matter where he is, or what he is doing. We believe that as city treasurer he knows the city's financial condition and needs better than any other man in the city, and that he can better serve the taxpayers in the office of treasurer. We believe that Huber DeVosse is among Decatur's cleanest young men, and that his qualifications are the best and that his election would mean a continuance of experience and competency in the office of clerk. In addition to all this we believe that the political game of reform as played by the leaders in the Republican party, is sufficient and of a character to cause every Democrat to vote his party ticket, and to vote it straight. When it is necessary to defame men, misrepresent their public acts and private life, and do it in the name of reform, then there is something rotten about the caliber of that reform.

The enforcement of the blind tiger act was dwelt upon more extensively than any other question at the big smoker Thursday evening at the court house. So anxious were they about the matter that the prosecuting attorney volunteered his services to help take care of those who should violate it.—P. L. Here you have it from P. L. himself that the Democrats are so sincere in their declaration of law enforcement, that Prosecutor Heller tends without equivocation, his office and his services to make good every pledge made, and to make Decatur morally clean and law abiding. If there is a Democrat in the city who is wavering on the point of law enforcement, he can well afford to take the additional word of Prosecutor Heller who, as P. L. says, will help the mayor clean out the blind tigers.

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Tomorrow is election day. Every voter is interested and the way to help, is to vote early. An early voting club should be organized in every precinct in the city. This is one way of helping those in whose charge is the responsibility of getting into the ballot box every vote. You should help. No invitation is necessary and it is not only your privilege but your duty to help in this the most impor-

tant work of getting out the vote and getting it out early.

Every voter in the city should help in the work on election day. You should help by voting early if not often.

All the good work of the campaign can be lost on election day. Let every voter give this day or at least part of it, in seeing that the vote is in the ballot box. Show your interest for your city and for your party and be one of the workers on election day.

What is a dutchman's per cent?

Who of those that have been using the term will explain? Suppose that the owner of a newspaper should file a bill against the city for more than fifty dollars for the publication of an ordinance when under the rate defined by law he was entitled to only about seventeen.—P. L. If a newspaper man would perform in this beguiling way we would never defend him as you have seen fit to defend a reform council that added sixty odd thousand dollars to the city debt, and then never left a scratch of record to show how the money was spent. We would never defend as you have seen fit to defend a reform council that destroyed the property and business of an electric lighting company in order that the city might engage in the business, and who even never left a scratch of record showing how the money was spent. We would never defend as you have defended a reform council who made no improvements—that they paid for and who increased the debt of the city twenty-nine thousand dollars. We would never defend as you have seen fit to defend an administration that would permit Doe Sholty to get the lion's share of the laboring men's orders, shaving them unmercifully because he had them by the heels. We would never grow eloquent about the white robed sanctification of Jud Teeple, after his public record in helping to destroy a neighbor's property. The fifty dollar transaction is bad enough, but these others are enough to make even an expert reformer as P. L. hang his head in shame and to revolt. You do not notice any revolting, however. P. L. is standing heroically by his guns and in preaching reform in the face of it. Why? Just politics, that is all. He has been for reform and he is red hot for reform again, just for the political good the Republican party will receive therefrom. Here is an object lesson that should sink deep into the minds of every Democrat, and which should convince him of his duty on election day—the voting of the straight Democratic ticket.

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Doc. Sholty is positive that this administration is lacking in business acumen, and that the best interests of the city demands the election of the reform candidates. If you know what business acumen according to Doc's diagnosis means, then you will know why he discriminates in favor of the reform ticket. Doc. has had no opportunity to file

any thirteen hundred dollar suits against the city during this administration, and if the Democrats are elected he will have no opportunity to file one during the next one. You all know the sort of business that looks good to Doc.

City orders were not sold to the cornerstone broker during the life of the present council. The orders were all good for their face value, and they were cashed upon presentation at either bank in the city, and the city had the cash on deposit for their redemption. Doc. Sholty thinks this council were bad business managers.

Slim Fordyce cannot give one single reason why any reformer should vote for him, much less a Democrat. His record as a councilman shows that during the time he represented the city in this official way, the city made no improvements that they paid for, and even then the city debt increased twenty-nine thousand dollars. To say nothing of the twenty-nine thousand, the interest on this sum is seventeen hundred and forty dollars a year. You taxpayer who shuns debt cannot consistently vote Slim's ticket in this election. Added to this comes Slim's eagerness to escape responsibility and his desire to get a Democrat in the hole, all of which are matters of record during the reform periods of our city government.

Discussion of the issues are now a thing of the past. It is plainly and squarely up to the voter. Take the record of the present council and the pledges of the candidates in this election and then vote the Democratic ticket straight.

Every Democrat should remember his primary pledge, a pledge to support the nominees. Personal grievances should not count against his party candidates. Especially is this true in the face of the kind of reform that is being preached with the hope of deceiving you into voting reform candidate into office, just to help the Republican party in a political way. Be just as good a reformer as they are, by voting as they do, a straight party ticket. It is politics with them so make it politics with yourself. Be Democrats in this election, and let's make it a roasting majority for the Democratic party and for a clean and moral and well administered city.

An important change in the election law was made at the last session of the Indiana legislature. Under the amended law the burning of balloons is expressly prohibited. This fact is not generally known. Therefore attention is directed thereto that election officers may have ample time to acquaint themselves with what the law now is—not what it was once. This is a matter of the utmost importance and should be brought to the attention of all persons likely to be connected with election boards.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Notice is hereby given that no hunting or trespassing is permitted on the farm of John Tonnerer. 250-37

AUTOMOBILE BARGAINS

For sale, one Auburn runabout for \$125.00.

One two cylinder touring car in first class condition for \$600.00. Will demonstrate to prospective buyers.

Write or call on Peter Kirsch, N. Third street, Decatur. 250-122

BOX SOCIAL

On next Wednesday evening at the Peterson school house a box social will be given and the public are cordially invited to attend. Albert Sellemyer the teacher, is arranging to have things in readiness and all those who attend will enjoy a very pleasant evening.

PENSIONERS TAKE NOTICE

The commissioner of pensions has issued an order that all pensioners must present their pension certificate when they take their voucher to an officer to be executed for their quarterly payment. He further demands that this order be carried out to the letter of the law.

Robert Blackburn.

HOUSE FOR RENT—A 6 room house on west Madison street, fruit on lot. Good outbuildings. Inquire Clem Heideman, at Schaub, Gottschall & Co.'s hardware store. 255-61

SOCIETY COLUMN

A List of Bargains

Miss Grace Coffee Given

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Evening

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Miss Charlotte Stumbaugh gave a birthday dinner the 11th in honor of Odie Moser, of Willshire, Ohio. The day was spent by music rendered by Miss Stumbaugh and Mrs. Moser. The dining room was decorated in ferns and chrysanthemums. The table was filled with everything imaginable to eat. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nouch and son Francis and daughter-in-law, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winters and son Donald of this city, and Mrs. D. A. Moser of Willshire, and Master Arthur and Miss Florence Olinger of Fort Wayne, and Miss Stumbaugh of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Porter and granddaughter, Little Miss Anne Weaver, and Mr. and Mrs. George Baers, of Fort Wayne, came down from Fort Wayne yesterday and enjoyed several hours at the Dugan home. They were entertained for dinner and other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bracken and Mr. L. C. Waring. During the afternoon a number of callers met the visitors and the occasion was a most pleasant one.

An automobile party that enjoyed

Sunday at Bluffton was composed of the Misses Ruby Miller, Electa Glancy, Goldie Gay, Bess Baumgartner and Mr. Claud Gay. During their stay in the city they called on friends.

Mrs. O. L. Vance was the hostess at twelve o'clock dinner and also at six o'clock supper yesterday for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beineke and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sellemyer. The day was spent in a very pleasing way and those present enjoyed themselves very much.

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Saturday and entertained in a pleasant way throughout the evening. Miss Germaine Coffe increased the enjoyment of the good time by playing several piano numbers. Also refreshments were enjoyed.

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