

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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## COURT HOUSE NEWS

**Passon vs. Passon Divorce**  
Case is Filed in the Circuit Court.

## OTHER NEWS SCARCE

**It is a Real Vacation Time**  
Around the Temple of Justice.

After Esquire Ault had exerted his influence as a peacemaker without effect, a suit for divorce was filed in the Adams circuit court by Attorney D. E. Smith, the title of the suit being Mary C. Passon vs. John A. Passon, they living in Jefferson township. The complaint dates their marriage at October 20, 1890, and their separation at July 18, 1910. The defendant is charged with adultery, cruel and inhuman treatment, in which her life has apparently been given to abuse and cruelty. They have five children—James, nine years old; William, seven years old; Edna, five years old; Edith, three, and Roy, one. The plaintiff seeks a divorce, custody of the children named, and alimony in the sum of seven hundred dollars.

The employees of the treasurer's office are making out tax receipts, getting ready for the fall's collection, and at that time their work will be greatly facilitated. The system in vogue in this office is a good one.

A transcript in the case vs. John Durbin and Benjamin Lett was filed in the Adams circuit court. Bond was fixed in the sum of five hundred dollars for their appearance the first day of the September term.

## MUSICAL PROGRAM

**Reformed Ladies Arrange**  
For a Delightful Evening at Library Hall.

## ON FRIDAY EVENING

**Best Musical Talent of City**  
Will Contribute to the Program.

Next Friday evening a musical program will be rendered at the library hall, which will be given under the auspices of the fourth session of the German Reformed Ladies' Aid society. The program is one that will prove of much interest, it being made up from the best musical talent in the city, and will be one well worth your while to attend. It will open promptly at 8 o'clock and the following program has been prepared:

Piano Solo—Miss Flora Peters.  
Vocal Solo—Miss Sellemeyer.  
Vocal Duet—Mr. and Mrs. O. Schug.  
Piano Solo—Miss Esther Sellemeyer.  
Piano Duet—Mrs. Fred Fruchte and Miss Lucy Fruchte.  
Song—Audience.  
Piano Solo—Miss Florence Sprunger.  
Chorus—By Girls.  
Vocal Solo—Miss Hulda Mutchler.  
Vocal Duet—Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sellemeyer.  
Cornet and Trombone Duet—Albert and Jesse Dailey.  
Vocal Solo—Miss Florence Sprunger.  
Piano Duet—Misses Emma and Ella Mutchler.  
Piano Solo—Mrs. Fred Fruchte.

## BABE DIES SUDDENLY.

Mrs. Oliver Johnson and children, formerly of this city, passed through the city this morning on their way to their home at Fort Wayne. They had been at Walshe, Ohio, where they were called by the sudden death of Robert Lowell, ten-months-old son of Mrs. Johnson's brother, Harry Brown. The babe had been ill but four hours, death being caused by acute indigestion.

Mrs. Samuel Chronister of east of the city was a business visitor here today.

## LEAVE FOR EAST.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Leave on an Extended Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Lynch of Jonesboro, Ark., who have been visiting with relatives here for the past week or so, left Monday for Mount Clemens, where they will remain for several days at this famous resort. From there they will leave on an extended trip through the east, going to Montreal by boat, then to New York and a number of other places of interest. They will arrive home about the first of September.

## OFF FOR KOKOMO

**Father Flaherty Accompanies School Ball Team to Kokomo.**

## WILL PLAY THERE

**Kokomo Boys Here Short While Ago—The Decatur Boys Expect to Win.**

This morning the Catholic high school base ball team, accompanied by Father Flaherty, went to Kokomo, where they met on the ball diamond a team from the Catholic school of that city. The battery for the locals is Lose and Mossy, who have recently been doing some good practice to put themselves in proper shape for the battle. Besides the team is greatly strengthened by the addition of several new players. The Kokomo team was defeated by the locals in this city a few weeks ago, and the boys are again confident of victory. The best wishes of friends in this city accompanied them to Kokomo that they might return the victors. The following is the line-up for the Decatur team:

Frank Lose, p; Chas Massony, c; R Gass, 1b; H. Fullenkamp, 2b; Earl Bremerkamp, 3b; Elmo Smith, ss; H. Ehinger, lf; Felix Holthouse, cf; Leonard Deininger, rf.

## TO GO TO HALSTEAD, KANSAS.

Rev. J. W. Kiewer, Pastor of Menonite Church at Berne, Resigns.

Rev. J. W. Kiewer, who in company with his wife is at present visiting at different points in the east, tendered his resignation as pastor of the Menonite church here. The resignation was sent from Washington, D. C., and was read to the congregation by the Rev. S. F. Sprunger, who preached in Rev. Kiewer's stead, at the close of the regular morning service Sunday. Rev. Kiewer resigns in order to accept a call that came to him from the Menonite congregation at Halstead, Kansas. The resignation was received with much surprise and with deep regret. The work of Rev. Kiewer during the last seven years has met with marked success. A meeting of the congregation is called for Monday, July 25th, at which time the matter will be considered and an answer will be given Rev. Kiewer—Berne Witness.

## OSSIAN NEWS EDITOR RESIGNED.

Ossian, Ind., July 19—C. A. Carpenter has resigned as local editor of the Ossian News. He has been associated with the News for the past year, having entire charge of its news and editorial columns. Mr. Carpenter resigned his position in order that he might be able to devote more time to his rapidly growing commercial college and advertising agency which he is conducting in connection with the school business.

## CONCORD SOCIAL.

The social to be given at the C. D. Kunkel lawn near Monmouth Wednesday evening by the Concord Lutheran Aid promises to be a very enjoyable one. Public is given a cordial invitation to come and enjoy the good time, including refreshments of ice cream and cake.

## DIDN'T LIKE PROFESSION.

Miss Frances Rademaker, who went to Fort Wayne to enter the nurse's training school at Hope hospital, after a week's trial, decided that she would not like the profession and has returned to Decatur, resuming her work as telephone operator Monday morning.

## COUNCIL TONIGHT

**A Petition to be Presented For Better Lighting the Business Section.**

## MANY SIGN PETITION

**Lights Fifty Feet Apart in the Business Sections is What They Want.**

Several of the business men of the city have been busy circulating a petition which will be presented to the common council at their session to be held this evening, asking that body to improve the lighting system in the business section of the city. While the petition does not ask for any particular system of such as, yet it has been the talk of many that the arches should be used, placing the lights on the electric light poles, which would mean a light about every fifty feet apart in this section of the city. The exact territory desired covered in this way is Second street, from Winchester to Marshall, and Monroe Madison and Jefferson streets from First to Third streets. Nearly one hundred business men of the city have signed the petitions and many of them are enthusiastic about the proposed improvement. It is said that new street lights are needed and that the city intends to replace them, so if this is true, or whether true or not, it would be an improvement that would add much to the appearance, to say nothing of the convenience and comfort of everybody who traverses the downtown district in the evening.

## OPENING OF MILL

**Wheels of VanCamp Flour Mill, Purchased by Gillig & Sons Will**

## BE SET IN MOTION

**Wednesday, July 20th—Many Repairs Made—In Good Condition.**

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the VanCamp flour mill on First street, which has long since been closed and, tomorrow morning, bright and early, the wheels which have been idle many months during the settling of the VanCamp estate, will be set in operation by the new firm, Gillig & Sons, of this valuable property, one of the finest mills in this part of the country. Herman and Frank Gillig, sons of Conrad Gillig, who will operate the mill, came into possession of the mill July 1st, and since that time have given every attention to the improving of the same and getting it ready for the opening. Several new parts of machinery for improvement or repair have been gotten, and many other things added to the convenience of the mill. Herman Gillig, a miller of many years' experience, will act as manager, and with the assistance of his brother and competent helpers, expects to operate the mill with unprecedented success. The new mill will be open for business Wednesday and they will no doubt enjoy the liberal patronage which they deserve.

## PRESBYTERIAN S. S. PICNIC.

The Sunday school picnic of the Presbyterian church will hold its picnic Thursday at Maple Grove park. Those wishing to attend will meet at the church at 8 o'clock, from which place special interurban cars will leave at 8:30 for the park, where a good time will be in store.

## MADISON'S POPULATION.

(United Press Service.) Washington, D. C., July 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The census for Madison county for the year 1910 has been completed, the population recorded for this year being 65,224.

## EXTRA

## IS IT MURDER?

An unknown man, about twenty-five years of age, was found dead at Steele's park this afternoon about 3:30, shot through the head. A revolver was found lying near him and in his hand he held a photograph of a girl. It is evidently a case of suicide.

The body was first seen by John Scheiman, who was working near the place and he immediately summoned Charles Lose, James Colchin and others, who were bathing in the lagoon. They immediately drove to this city, reaching here about 4 o'clock to summon the marshal and other officials. The young man was a stranger to those who found him. He is of dark complexion and wore his hair rather long. The body lay near the lower island of the lagoon.

## A SPREAD WANTED

**By Decatur Clerks of the Movement Agitated by Cities' Societies.**

## FOR EARLY CLOSING

**Of Stores on Saturday Night—Will be in Better Spirit to Attend Church.**

The cities, especially Toledo, are agitating the Saturday night early closing of stores and considerable attention has been paid the efforts of those concerned in this movement. So much so that the clerks of Decatur, who have long been wise to the advantage of such an innovation, are wishing that the movement might spread here also. The movement originated from an organization of church societies and "To permit and to cause a better observance of the Sabbath day" are given as the prime reason for such a move. The closing of all stores is recommended by the leaders of the movement, and the committee of the Toledo federation was surprised to learn that nearly all the merchants would welcome the change nearly all declaring that they would close if others would. The committee declares that the habit of Saturday night shopping is unnecessary, because experience had shown that a large percentage of purchases on Saturday evening were of small importance. The exchange goes on to say:

"It is not fair, according to the committee, for those industrial and office workers, who do not have to work Saturday afternoons and evenings, to require shop girls to work in the evenings. To those who say that this evening work is not as hard as manual labor the committee answers that the nervous tension connected with the evening work is a greater strain than the mere muscular exertion.

"The thousands who can dispose as they please, of Saturday afternoons and evenings should not interfere with the enjoyment of Sunday by those less fortunate, according to the committee, because those who work Saturday afternoon and evening have to rest the greater portion of Sunday.

"The habit of Saturday evening shopping, the committee says, is to a great extent merely incidental to the Saturday evening promenade. Every effort is to be made to bring relief to the workers concerned, at least, for the hot summer months.

"We suggest that it might be urged upon employers of labor in general to show their good will toward the movement by affording their employees an opportunity to shop during the day.

"The shopping public should again be requested and urged to discourage evening shopping by members of their families and to use their influence toward the same end," says the committee.

## SELECT TEACHER

**Miss Clara B. Williams is Chosen by School Board For High School.**

## ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

**Graduate Indiana University—Has Had Three Years' Experience.**

The city school board has selected Miss Clara B. Williams as teacher of English in the Decatur high school for the ensuing year, succeeding Miss Annette Johnson, resigned. The notice of their selection was sent Miss Williams and she wired her acceptance at once. Miss Williams is a young lady of refinement, a graduate of Indiana university, and is at present at the university taking a postgraduate course. She has had three years' experience in her profession and comes highly recommended by the faculty of the university and by the schools where she has taught. She is also known to Superintendent Rice, who speaks in the highest terms of her ability as a teacher of English. Two other applicants were considered, but had already accepted positions elsewhere before the decision of the board here. They were favored by the board here, not because they were better teachers, but because their salary demand was more within the limits of the school treasury here. Miss Mitchell of Salem, one of the applicants, sent word here yesterday that she had accepted a position elsewhere. The board considers itself most fortunate in being able to secure Miss Williams for this position.

## MONEY RETURNED

**John Yager, Innocent Purchaser of Stolen Horses, Recovers Money.**

## FULL AMOUNT PAID

**Amount of Deficiency in Sum of \$23.20, Made Up By Lett's Father.**

John Yager of north of Fort Wayne, the innocent purchaser of the horses stolen from John Schwartz, the farmer of near Monroe, was in the city Monday with an employee of the Bernette sales stables, where the horses were sold. The men identified the boys, John Durbin and Ben Lett, who are under arrest, charged with the theft, as the ones from whom Yager purchased the horses, and the entire sum of money, \$285, which he paid for the team, was turned over to him.

Of this \$285.80 was found on the persons of the boys, and the amount of \$23.20, which they had spent, was made up by George Lett, of near Bobo, the father of one of the accused boys. As the horses have been returned to the owner, and the purchase price returned to the innocent buyer, everything has been straightened out satisfactorily to all concerned, except of course, the demand of the law in the prosecution of the boys, which will await the grinding of the courts.

Up till the time of going to press the two boys had not yet furnished the necessary \$500 bond for their release from jail, though it is thought the Lett boy will be successful in doing so.

Glen, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Fisher, who had his right hand badly injured July 4th by having it caught in a hay pulley, is getting along well. It was feared at first that the forefinger, which was badly peeled and crushed, would have to be amputated, but it is now thought that it can be saved and that the injury will heal without even leaving the finger stiff. Mrs. Fisher and babe were in Decatur today, having the injured hand dressed by Dr. Thomas.

## BUY'S HOLIDAY CANDY.

One Store Expects to Sell Four Tons of the Sweet.

George C. Steele of the racket store was at Fort Wayne Monday, where he placed his order for his holiday candy stock. He ordered four tons of candy for the Decatur store and two tons for their store at Union City. Between three and four tons were required last holiday season for the trade and as the business is much heavier now, it was thought that more would be needed this year.

## IT OPENED MONDAY

**The Geneva Chautauqua is Making the Hit of the Season.**

## MANY ATTENDING

**Richard Pearson Hobson on the Program For Wednesday Evening.**

Geneva, Ind., July 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Geneva chautauqua is a grand success. It opened Monday afternoon and everything was done as formerly announced. The big tent was up on time and at 2:15 the audience was entertained for one hour by the Lyric Glee club, after which A. E. Gringle, editor of the Lyceum World, delivered his famous lecture, "Life is Worth Living." He held the audience spellbound for one hour and forty-five minutes, and a part of the time his audience was in tears and the next instant in laughter. Rev. Gringle left with the best wishes of all, going to Spencerville, Ohio, where he fills an engagement on Tuesday evening. The chautauqua entertainment last evening was given by the Lyric Glee club, rendering fine music, interspersed with readings and songs and concluding with that side-splitting farce, "The Hoosier School Master." They made the hit of the evening, and also left for Spencerville, where they have an engagement Tuesday evening.

The crowning event of chautauqua week will be on Wednesday evening, when, at 8 o'clock, Richard Pearson Hobson will appear in his famous lecture, "Our Country's Destiny." Everybody should avail themselves of hearing this world-renowned man, as it was he who made it possible during the Spanish-American war for our navy to capture Cervera's fleet by sinking our boat, "Merrimac."

Clark Fink, who but recently retired from the deputy postmastership of the Geneva postoffice, has purchased the candy kitchen from Elmer Kuntz and took immediate possession. The acquaintance Mr. Fink possesses with the people of this place insures him a pleasant and profitable trade. Here is to his success.

Forest Deitch, the eight years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deitch, is the proud possessor of a pony which he purchased Monday, having saved the money himself. He is now enjoying the pleasures of this possession as only a boy can.

A great number of people from neighboring towns were in attendance at the chautauqua Monday afternoon and evening, and it is expected that during the week Geneva will greet many new faces.

## MRS. TRITCH BETTER.

**Cannot Leave Hospital, However, For Several Weeks.**

A letter received by F. V. Mills from Jonas C. Tritch at Bloomington, brings the news that Mrs. Tritch is somewhat better, but that she will probably be obliged to remain in the hospital there two or three weeks longer.

## BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

A beautiful and impressive baptismal service was held Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church, the babes of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Frisinger being thus consecrated to the Lord.

## HE DEFENDS TAFT

**Former Vice President Fairbanks Speaks at Omaha, Nebraska.**

## THE MUCKRAKER

**He Says It is Reprehensive to Impeach Motives of Public Men.**

(United Press Service.)

Omaha, Neb., July 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks came to Omaha to aim his first blow at those who criticize President Taft, the administration and the men in congress who uphold the president's actions. Mr. Fairbanks' address was the chief feature of the second day's session of the advertising men. He declared that a marked tendency of recent years has been the indiscriminate abuse of men in public position in an effort to enact cures for wrongs which have entrenched themselves in trade and commerce. "There is perhaps nothing more reprehensible than the loose impeachment of the motives of the chief executives," he said, "the downright misrepresentation of his acts; distortion of his record by suppression of the truth or by pure falsehood. No possible good can result therefrom; on the contrary, in the end, confidence in the government is undermined. It may divert to a certain class to witness such brutality towards the head of the nation, but upon sober reflection they must perceive the hurtful results which flow from (Continue on page 4.)

## THE THIRTEENTH

**The Democrats Renominate Congressman Henry A. Barnhart.**

## A GOOD CONVENTION

**United States Senator Shively Presided at the Convention.**

(United Press Service.)

South Bend, Ind., July 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The democrats of the Thirteenth congressional district met here today and nominated by acclamation the Hon. Henry A. Barnhart for congress. Mr. Barnhart is the present congressman and has made good in the two years he has been in congress. The convention was marked for its complete harmony and the enthusiasm displayed places the democrats in good condition for success in this district. United States Senator Shively presided at the convention and made a characteristic speech, predicting success for the democrats. Many democrats from different parts of the state, including many of the candidates on the state ticket, were present and the convention was by long odds one of the best ever held in the Thirteenth by any party. Congressman Barnhart will make an active campaign and he already has the long end of the bets on his election.

## M. E. S. S. EXCURSION.

Attention is called to the ad of the excursion to Robinson park, Fort Wayne, July 28th, by the Methodist Sunday school, the occasion being their annual picnic. Special interurban cars will be run from this city to the park, the round trip being but fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children. This includes the trip to the park, and is just about half the regular price. Many will doubtless take advantage of this excellent opportunity.

The following committee has been appointed, which will be in charge: C. E. Hocker, J. N. Parrish, A. D. Suttles, John Parrish.

Miss Neva Brandyberry has joined Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Fordyce and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teeple at Rome City for a week's outing.