

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT.

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## THE OLD SETTLERS

They Will Meet at Ridgeville  
This Year on Wednesday,  
August 3rd.

## LIST OF SPEAKERS

Congressman J. A. M. Adair  
Will be One of the Speak-  
ers of the Day.

Many Adams county people every year attend the old settlers' meeting at Ridgeville, and this year will be no exception to the rule. The Ridgeville meetings have been held now for many years and it is one time for the home coming of everyone who ever lived there or knew any one that lived there. Arrangements are now in progress for the meeting this year and Wednesday, August 3rd, is the day arranged for the big event. The speakers have been announced and they are Senator Albert J. Beveridge, John W. Kern and John A. M. Adair, congressman of the Eighth district, according to the announcement which has just been made. The base ball attraction will be Portland against Union City and a militia drill and exhibitions will be given by the Winchester and Portland companies of the Indiana National guard. The three brass bands to be present are the Indiana band of Muncie, the Ladies' band of Portland and the Citizens' band of Ridgeville. A balloon ascension will be made by Prof. H. Darnell of Chicago. The old settlers' meeting is Ridgeville's big annual event and attracts thousands of people from all over eastern Indiana and western Ohio.

## W. A. BOWMAN BUSY THRESHING

W. A. Bowman is knee deep in the season's threshing and has orders booked ahead for several weeks. He has purchased a new threshing outfit and is doing the best work ever done in the county, and this in connection with his proclivities as a genuine hustler means that he will do more work of this kind than he has ever done before in one season.

## A FAMILY PICTURE

Family of Mr. and Mrs.  
Abraham Brown Holds  
Reunion Here Today.

## FOR A SHORT WHILE

Children From West Who  
Are Visiting Here Return  
Home Today.

While not in the nature of a family reunion in the ordinary sense of the word, the reuniting of the Abraham Brown family for a few hours this morning, for the taking of their family picture at the Moser studio, was the next thing to it. There were present Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Brown and the following children: J. W. Brown and Mrs. D. A. Helm of near this city. It is not often that so large a family of grown children are given the privilege of being thus together in nearly unbroken circle, and the meeting here this morning, though only for a short while, was one of much pleasure. The daughters from Fort Wayne were here for only a few hours, making the trip especially to be with the others in the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Williams, who have been spending a week's vacation at Buchanan, Mich., will return home this evening.

There will be a special sermon preached at the Methodist church at Pleasant Mills Sunday evening, July 24th, by Rev. Sweeney. Everybody welcome. Come with us and we will do thee good.—Rev. D. A. J. Brown.

## RECEIVE CLAIMS.

Insurance Company Pays Claims to  
Two Policy Holders.

Charles Scheimer, from west of the city, who for some time has been confined to his home, suffering from the grip, Thursday received a check from the Hoosier Casualty company of Indianapolis, of which W. B. Johnson is the local agent, and in which company he held a policy. Ed Colter also received a check from the same company on account of his being laid up with rheumatism. He is now able to be up and around.

## FIANCEE ARRIVES

Miss Martha Armstrong of  
Carmichael, Pa., Betrothed  
of Leyton Potter.

## ARRIVES IN THE CITY

Accompanied by Aunt—Will  
Await Instructions From  
Potter's Father.

Miss Martha Armstrong of Carmichael, Pa., the betrothed of Leyton Potter, to whom his marriage was to have taken place next month, and whose picture was the last thing upon which his eyes fell, as he committed suicide Tuesday afternoon in Steele's park, by shooting himself through the temple, arrived Thursday night, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Lincoln, and are now at the George Flanders home on Third street, where Mr. Potter roomed during his four weeks' stay in the city. Miss Armstrong and her aunt arrived from Lansing, Mich., near which place Mrs. M. Z. Hudson, the grandmother of the unfortunate young man, lives, and where they had gone after hearing the sad news. They know nothing further of the arrangements for the disposal of the body and will await further word from the father, H. W. Potter, of Tacoma, Wash.

The body of the young man still lies in the morgue at the Gay, Zwick & Meyers undertaking establishment, Mr. Donaldson, the young man's friend, having telegraphed Mr. Potter at Tacoma, asking whether or not the remains could be shipped to Lansing, Mich., instead of putting in the vault here, and a reply is expected at any time.

## FUNERAL TODAY.

Remains of Little Selma Force Laid  
to Rest This Morning.

Selma, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Force of Hartford City, whose remains were brought to this city Thursday from that place, was buried this morning, the funeral being held from the Lew Hughes home. The services were held at 10 o'clock and were in charge of Rev. Powell. Interment was made at the Maplewood cemetery.

## DRUNKS HAD GOOD TIME.

Marshal Peterson came upon a bunch of young men with whiskey and beer bottles bulging in their pockets, and with a considerable amount of the stuff on their interior, who were having quite a good time near the Erie depot Thursday night. No arrests were made, but if such should occur again, they will not get off so easily.

## DENOUNCE LOCAL OPTION.

Madison, Wis., July 22—The Wisconsin prohibition platform adopted at today's convention contains clauses denouncing local and county local option as not being a settlement of the liquor question and declaring that the only way to secure effective prohibition is to elect prohibition party men to office.

## ASKED FOR INFORMATION.

Marshal Peterson received a message today from a Mr. Kuntz of Toledo, asking for information regarding Leyton Potter and the disposition of the body. The man signed himself as a friend, but failed to give any definite address, so the return message could not be sent to him.

## HIS PRELIMINARY

Moses Richer Held Without  
Bail to September Term  
of Court.

## HE HAD COUNSEL

Attorney Morris Will De-  
fend Him Throughout  
the Case.

Fort Wayne, Ind., July 22—At a preliminary hearing, during which he spoke no word, Moses E. Richer, the accused murderer of Charlie Coats, waived examination through his attorney, Samuel L. Morris, and was held for his appearance at the first day of the September term of court without bail. The hearing was before Justice of the Peace L. P. Huser and took place promptly at 4 o'clock. Richer was brought to the office of the magistrate by Sheriff A. M. Reichelderfer and was compelled to run the gauntlet of a battery of cameras all the way from the jail to the magistrate's office. Richer was represented by Attorney Samuel L. Morris, who, it has been announced, will defend him throughout the case. This decision was arrived at after Richer had been given an opportunity to consult with members of his family. Details of the defense have not been worked out, but it is not believed that Richer will swerve from his already declared purpose of going before the court with his signed statement, which he has repeatedly declared the truth and tells all there is to tell about the crime. The decision to hold Richer's preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon, instead of Saturday afternoon, as had been announced, was arrived at yesterday morning and was done as a measure of safety to the prisoner. While it was not seriously believed that a mob would form to attempt violence to Richer, it was entirely probable that hundreds would have lined the street to catch a glimpse of the prisoner Saturday afternoon and it was deemed wisest to take him quietly before a magistrate yesterday afternoon and hold the preliminary, a mere matter of form, with as little publicity as possible.

## MATCHES AND HAY

And a Four-Year-Old Boy  
Form Unfortunate Com-  
bination in Barn.

## TWO BARNs BURN

On Sylvester Garner Farm  
East of Town—No Insur-  
ance Carried.

A little four-year-old boy, a lighted match dropped on a load of hay, a puff, a blaze—and then a pile of ashes—tells the story of the destruction of two barns on the Sylvester Garner farm in Union township, about four miles east of this city, a short report of which was given in Thursday evening's paper, as the blaze occurred just shortly before the paper went to press.

One of the barns was a new barn, containing several loads of hay, a wagon, harness and various other farm things. Sylvester, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Garner, had been playing on a load of hay in the barn, and had some matches, and it is supposed the little chap dropped one in the hay, igniting it. As soon as he saw the blaze creeping higher he ran to the home and informed the family, but it was too late then to extinguish it. The blaze spread to the old barn nearby, in which was a hay press, this being consumed with the building. The tower of the hay press and other parts were out of doors, however, and these were saved. The loss will exceed six hundred dollars, with no insurance. The family is quite unfortunate in this respect, as they had made application for insurance, but in drawing it up some feature was wrong. The agent was to have returned in a few days to remedy this, but was delayed.

## APPRAISED THE KUNKEL STORE.

Nothing New in the Assignment Case  
of T. H. Kunkel.

W. W. Weisell and W. S. Smith, appraisers, and F. J. Tangeman, trustee, who were invoicing the stock of T. H. Kunkel, Marion, who made an assignment last week, completed their work yesterday evening. While the amount has not been totaled as yet, it will go to about \$8,000. So far there has been no further action in the assignment that the voluntary acts of Mr. Kunkel. It is announced that he will be able to pay out about twenty-five cents on the dollar, and it is thought there will be no litigation over the matter.—Bluffton News.

## GROOM LIVED HERE

Erwin Floyd Swank Married  
Miss Isabel Geiser of  
Dayton, Ohio.

## BEAUTIFUL WEDDING

They Will Live in Dayton,  
Where Both Have Many  
Personal Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Swank of St. Mary's township are in receipt of Dayton, Ohio, newspapers telling of the marriage of their son, Erwin Floyd Swank. The newspaper account in part says:

"Beautiful in every appointment was the wedding of Miss Isabel Geiser, the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick Geiser, of 118 Salem street, to Erwin Floyd Swank, which was celebrated Thursday evening at the First English Lutheran church on West First street, of which the bride is a member. The popularity of the two young couple made the wedding an event of very great interest and several hundreds of their friends gathered to witness the ceremony which united them in holiest bonds."

"Mr. and Mrs. Swank were showered with a wealth of beautiful gifts in cut glass, silver, bric-a-brac, pictures, and articles which will add to the attractiveness of their new home. The bride's gift from her father was a residence at 359 River street, which had been handsomely furnished by the groom. The bride and groom left for a bridal trip of several weeks, after which they will go to housekeeping on River street. The bride's going away gown was of blue cloth with a hat of tan trimmed with blue. Mrs. Swank is a charming young woman and highly accomplished. She has traveled much and spent a year in the West Indies, following the completion of her school studies. She has always been a devout member of the First Lutheran church and a member of literary and social clubs. Mr. Swank is widely known in a large circle of friends and is a bookkeeper at the City National Bank. The best wishes of all who know them are theirs on this happy occasion and the hundreds of beautiful gifts and the messages received express the esteem and love in which they are held."

## BROKE DOWN AND WEPT.

Moses Richer Told by His Brother  
and Sister to Pray.

Moses E. Richer, accused of the murder of Charley Coats, the orphan boy, at his Cedar Creek township farm a week ago, broke down completely and wept bitterly as he talked with his brother and sister who called to see him at the Allen county jail yesterday. They told the accused man they were powerless to aid him only by prayer, and urged him to remain steadfast to his religious faith, to pray and to face the situation like a man, confident of meeting in heaven if not on earth. The meeting of the three occurred in the dining room of the institution where Richer was brought from his cell to meet his brother and sister. There was little talk of the crime of which he is accused, most of the conversation relating to the property interests of the man behind the bars facing a murder charge. Richer was even more deeply affected than when his wife called to see him soon after his incarceration.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

## CANPAIGN PLANS

The Democrats Holding an  
Important Meeting at  
Indianapolis Today.

## THE OUTLOOK ROSY

Tom Honan Gives Expres-  
sion to Conditions as He  
Finds Them.

(United Press Service.)

Indianapolis, Ind., July 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—An important conference is being held in this city today, at which the democrats planned the battle of the campaign. The meeting is being attended by the executive committee, the state and congressional candidates and many of the prominent democrats of the state. Governor Marshall attended the meeting and many things were considered touching the manner of the campaign to be waged by the democrats. The meeting brought out the fact that the democrats everywhere are full of hope and are greatly encouraged by the conditions and by the signs of the times.

Thomas M. Honan of Seymour, nominee for attorney general, was here yesterday enroute home from a tour of the Thirteenth district. Representative Barnhart carried the Thirteenth by 423 votes two years ago, and it is Mr. Honan's prediction that he will be re-elected by 1,200. "He will carry St. Joseph county this year," said Mr. Honan, "notwithstanding that Charles W. Miller carried it against him by eighty-seven votes. Representative Dixon," continued Mr. Honan, "will increase his majority this year in the Fourth district, and in my opinion will carry it by about 5,000 votes. He carried it two years ago by 4,505. I have been through the Third and Fourth districts and part of the Fifth district, and through the Thirteenth, and I haven't found any trouble anywhere along the line relative to the state ticket. I cannot figure it any other way except that the state will go democratic."

## IN SUNNY SOUTH

C. M. Kenyon Family Locat-  
ed at Birmingham, Ala.—  
Will Doubtless

## MAKE HOME THERE

Miss Marguerite Visiting  
Here—Teaches in Kinder-  
garten School.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kenyon and family, formerly of this city are now located at Birmingham, Ala., where they have been for about a year and where they will probably make their home. They are quite well and like the place very much, is the word of Miss Marguerite Kenyon, who is now here for a visit, being the guest of Miss Agnes Costello. Mr. Kenyon, who represents a publishing house, has traveled over the greater part of the United States in its interest, the family being located at various times at Memphis, Tenn.; Omaha, Neb.; Kansas City, and other points. The son, Omar, has a good position as linotype operator on the News at Birmingham, and Miss Marguerite has secured her diploma and is now teaching music in a kindergarten school, meeting with most excellent success. She will return tomorrow to Fort Wayne, where she will visit a week longer with friends before returning to Birmingham.

## FUNERAL OF JOHN E. KING.

The funeral of John E. King was held this afternoon from the home on Mercer avenue. The services were conducted by the Rev. Spetnagel of the Presbyterian church, and a large number of the many friends of the deceased attended. Burial in Maplewood cemetery.

## WILL BE BROUGHT HOME.

Mrs. Horace Porter Becomes Sick at  
Lebanon at Son's Home.

Mrs. H. S. Porter, who left a short while ago for Lebanon for a visit with her son, Allen Porter, before going to Minneapolis to her daughter's home, and thence to Missouri, where they intend to make their home, is very sick at the home of her son at Lebanon. Late reports, however, are that she is resting much better and will probably be brought to her home here the first of next week and placed in care of her doctor.

## FORTRESS MONROE

The Scene of Much Sorrow  
From Explosion of Yes-  
terday.

## ARE SENT TO HOMES

Bodies of Eleven Dead Will  
be Sent to Their Homes  
by the Government.

(United Press Service.)

Norfolk, Va., July 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Fortress Monroe is the scene of much sorrow today after the visitation of the explosion of yesterday which resulted in the death of eleven gunners and officers. Information from relatives is now being awaited and where the bodies are wanted they will be sent to the homes at the expense of the government, and those not asked for will be buried in the government cemetery here. It is believed that the explosion was caused by carbon monoxide, a highly inflammable gas which forms in the barrels of large guns and which is especially dangerous during rapid firing. The gun crew at Fortress Monroe was trying to make a rapid fire record, and the theory is that the new charge of powder was hurried into the breech before the gases generated by the shot had time to dissipate, and before the breech could be closed again the powder exploded, blowing off the block and carrying death with it.

## COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Miss Clara Williams, Teacher of Eng-  
lish, Highly Pleased.

F. V. Mills of the city school board, has received a letter from E. E. Rice, superintendent of the city schools, who is at Chicago university, congratulating the board for their selection of Miss Clara B. Williams of Bloomington as teacher of English in the high school for the coming year. Prof. Rice stated that he had met Professor Kimmel of the Auburn schools, who is well acquainted with Miss Williams, and he speaks in the highest terms of her capability. Also a Professor Walters, who regards her as a teacher of the best qualities, womanly, yet a strong disciplinarian. She is well recommended, not only by the schools where she has taught, but by others.

## U. B. QUARTERLY MEETING.

The fourth quarterly conference and communion service for the year will be held at Union Chapel. Communion Saturday evening, when the business session will be held. Rev. J. Simon of Peru will preach. The presiding elder will preach Sunday at 10:30 and conduct the communion service. All the official members are expected to be present with written reports. Everybody is invited to attend these meetings.

## SEVERELY HURT.

Escaping Gasoline in Stove Causes  
Explosion.

New York, N. Y., July 22—Mrs. Carrie Johnson met with a very painful accident on Thursday morning when the gasoline stove which she was trying to light exploded and her hands and face were almost burned to a crisp. Medical attention was given and she is now resting somewhat easier.

## DELIVERED A BODY BLOW.

Washington, D. C., July 22—The Chicago Tribune, the leading republican newspaper of the northwest, says "Speaker Cannon has delivered a body blow to republican success in the impending campaign."

## ARE ENJOYING IT

The Fifth Day of the Geneva  
Chautauqua is up to the  
Standard.

## LARGE AUDIENCES

It Has Been a Delightful  
Week and a Successful  
Chautauqua.

Geneva, Ind., July 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The chautauqua was still up to the standard on Thursday evening, opening at half past two in the afternoon by Ellsworth Plumstead, the great character artist. Among some of his selection from Riley were "Thoughts For a Discouraged Farmer," "Raggedy, Raggedy, Man," and "Home Folks." These as well as everything Mr. Plumstead said and done delighted the audience. He was followed by the LaDelle Concert company, consisting of three members, Miss LaDelle, reader; Miss Davis, solo and pianist, and Mr. Fox, violinist. The reading of Miss LaDelle in "Christmas Home Coming," and "Aunt Peggy and High Art," was the best of the chautauqua. Miss Davis, with her beautiful, rich, high, soprano voice, flexible and of a delightful quality was even emphasized in her singing, "Coming Thro' the Rye." Mr. George Fox is a graceful player, and his rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home," in all its variations was received with great applause by the audience. In the evening they again entertained the Geneva chautauqua and were greeted by a large audience. Mr. Plumstead was the first and made a great hit. He "Uncle Ezra," told us of the wonderful scene in the M. E. church at Peru in the early fifties. Miss LaDelle in her pleasant way gave the thoughts of a two weeks' old baby, all of which was out of the ordinary and denoted great study on the part of the reader. The violin playing of Mr. Fox and the singing of Miss Davis was again that of a high standard and execution. The two hours of entertainment and songs (Continue on page 4.)

## A SCHOOL MANUAL

The Berne High School Will  
Get Out a Handsome  
Year Book.

## THE CLASS OF 1911

Will be the First to Com-  
plete the Regular Course  
of Study.

Berne, Ind., July 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Berne high school, or the school officers, will get out a handsome year book, giving the course of study, which includes English, mathematics, history, Latin, Greek, German science and commerce. The book will contain much of interest to all those in the high school and will be embellished with handsome cuts of the school officers, teachers, the class of 1910, their new school building, which is one of the best in the state, and in all will be a credit to the school and to the town of Berne. The Berne schools are making great progress under the superintendency of F. D. Huff, who is one of the best school men that has ever been in charge of the work here. The class of 1911 will be the first class to complete the work outlined by the state board of education, and this fact is causing more or less pride to the average Berne citizen.

## REV. J. SIMONS WILL PRESIDE.

The Rev. J. Simons of Peru will be here to conduct the fourth quarterly conference of the year at Union Chapel. The conference will open Saturday evening with the business session. The presiding elder will preach Sunday at 10 o'clock and conduct the communion service.