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Decatur merchants should awaken to the fact that a new year starts Sunday and to increase your business over last year should begin a campaign of advertising that will get results. There is only one way. Contract for space in the Daily Democrat. It's a sure thing and the returns will make you happy.

The Washington Herald is of the opinion that there are other presidential possibilities than Woodrow Wilson and Judson Harmon, among them Governor Marshall. It says that "he is a broad-minded, progressive leader, of genuine ability, who has already taken rank with the great Hoosier governors of the past." The Herald is especially impressed with his handling of the senatorship question.

The first democratic legislature in Indiana since 1892 will, at least inaugurate one splendid reform and that is the reduction of the force of clerks and doorkeepers in the house and senate for the session which convenes one week from today. A committee appointed for the purpose has recommended that the doorkeepers of the house be reduced to a dozen, instead of the little army heretofore used; there will be only enough clerks to do the work, the crowd heretofore used in the engrossing room will be cut down and similar reductions of expenses will be made in the senate. They will also reduce the number of bills printed, a saving of no mean amount, and the buying of stationery in each house will be done by a man who will give his entire attention to that work. Without any question the expenses of conducting the legislature will be reduced several thousand dollars. If they use the same care throughout the session that they are in getting started, they will make a record that will mean much in the future.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted during the sickness and death of our little son, Arden; also to the Hower & Howery grocery for the things given us and the Yeomen Lodge for the floral offering.

MR. AND MRS. FOREST LIGHT.

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"The Watkins Man."

## SOCIETY DOINGS

Miss Jessie Simison of Berne Guest of Honor at Evening Party.

### A PEDRO PARTY

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Elzey—Miss Brandyberry Entertains.

Pleasures are like poppies spread: You seize the flower, its bloom is shed. Or like the snowfall on the river: A moment white—then melts forever. —Robert Burns.

### CLUB CALENDAR FOR WEEK.

Thursday. Presbyterian Missionary—Mrs. Nettie Schrock.

Evangelical Aid—Mrs. Chester Johnson.

Salem Aid—Mrs. Earl Butler.

Friday. Mite Society Jubilee—M. E. church.

Saturday. Needlecraft—Fanchon Magley.

Of all the days in the year, Christmas seems to be the one most appreciated, hearts are made the more glad, ties seem more true, trouble seems all to vanish, the seemingly forsaken are given a hearty welcome. But the greatest gift of all is the "home-coming" of those who have been gone for many months. But jewels are not all found in the "home-coming." Some one in the community has made a struggle worthy of consideration and hearts go together to still buoy him or her on to the unknown future. Communities every year go together, either by surprise or gift, to make some special ones happy. This act is appreciated by all, even the donor realizes the greatest blessing in it. This spirit led the author to write, "Not what we give, but what we share. For the gift without the giver is bare." —Lowell.

This spirit was manifested Sunday when a number of the members of the Camden Church at Pennville, Ind., and some of the Pleasant Dale people gathered at the home of their elder, Daniel M. Byerly, east of Curryville, while he was at the church and completely surprised "he" and "family," after which all sat down to the table, well supplied with the fruits of the earth. But they felt the surprise more keenly when he found under his plate a purse containing over a half hundred dollars. Elder Byerly has been doing a grand and noble work for the Church of the Brethren, although at no little sacrifice. He, a little over two years ago, started to build up the Camden church, a little south of Pennville, Ind., of about five discouraged members, and today the church has a membership of fifty-nine consecrated and influential workers, with a bright outlook for the future. He is gone nearly all of the time filling appointments at various places, such as Pleasant Dale, Camden, Portland, Landisville, etc. Besides this he is a member of a number of committees, and the one he seems to take the most interest in is the "home mission" work. Elder Byerly, all his life, has been an influential worker, his desire being not to gain earthly goods, but to try and lift man to a higher elevated plain, to guide, direct, and lead his sheep beyond the dangers of sin. Those present were Samuel L. Driver and family, Peter Fulk and family, Gust Yanney, Misses Nora and Lizzie Norris of Camden, Rev. David Hummer and family, John Taylor and family, J. Miller and family and Mr. Pentecost. All departed, wishing Elder Byerly and

The following program will be rendered Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Jubilee social to be given at the M. E. church by the ladies of the Mite society:

Piano Solo—Miss Vera Hower.  
Duet—Mrs. P. B. Thomas and Mrs. Lee Walters.

Pipe Organ Voluntary—Miss Frances Merriman.

Solo—Mrs. J. Q. Neptune.

Piano Solo—Mrs. Otto Haubold.

Duet—Mrs. J. O. Sellemeyer and Mrs. B. J. Rice.

A delightful time is anticipated and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

The annual business session of the St. Vincent de Paul society was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joe Knapke, when officers as follows were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. James K. Niblick; secretary, Mrs. A. Kohne; treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Meibers. Reports for the year were read, showing that the society is in a flourishing condition. At the close of the business period, the hostess served tempting refreshments.

A party from Pleasant Mills, representing the congregation of the Baptist church there, drove to this city this morning with baskets well laden with dinner, and gave their pastor, the Rev. E. E. Hale and wife a surprise visit, a sumptuous dinner being spread at noon from the baskets. The remainder of the day was spent in a happy social way.

Miss Jessie Simison of Berne was the guest of honor at a delightful holiday party given Wednesday evening by Miss Lilah Lachot at her home on West Monroe street. The pretty Christmas decorations of red and green bells and streamers, together with holly, used in a number of pretty ways, still adorned the home, making it a very attractive setting for the festive throng. A shadow profile contest was one of the amusements, the profile of each guest being drawn

family many more such happy events.

Forty of the neighbors and friends of Mrs. James T. Moses gave her a surprise call at her home east of the city in celebration of her birthday anniversary, the event being also a farewell party, as the Moses family leaves next month for their new home north of the city. There was music and other things to pass a delightful social evening, during which also, an oyster supper was served. Among the guests from this city were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moses and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Frisinger. The very best wishes of all for many happy returns of the day were extended to the celebrant.

A surprise that was a surprise in every sense of the word was that given last evening for Miss Lydia Miller in honor of her birthday anniversary, the affair being planned by her father, Martin Miller. The fact that her birthday was last Friday and the party several days afterward, tended to make the surprise more complete. Miss Lydia was sitting at the piano, playing, her mind wholly oblivious to other things, when about twenty of her friends burst upon her. Music and games and singing passed a pleasant evening. Miss Lydia was presented with a handsome pedestal with the best wishes of her friends.

The Menu-ate club and a number of guests, including the Misses Frances Dugan, Bessie Boyers, Helen Niblick, Leota Bailey, Marie Allison, Fanny Frisinger, Sylvia Eaton and Mrs. Arthur Ford, found Wednesday afternoon's hours delightful ones as they busied themselves with their needlework at the home of Mrs. J. O. Sellemeyer. This was one of the most delightful meetings of the season, a time when friends who have been away at school or are separated during this time by the call of other duties, were happily reunited. Miss Frances Merriman will entertain the club at the next weekly meeting.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, superintendent of the James Bain ditch in Root township, Adams county, Indiana, will on

Saturday, December 31, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the office of the county surveyor in the city of Decatur, in Adams county, receive sealed bids for the construction of said ditch in accordance with reports, plans and specifications therefor, now on file in said cause. Bids will be received and contracts let as follows:

Main Ditch.

Section 1, Station 68 plus 90 to 80 plus 50.

Section 2, Station 42 to 68 plus 90.

Section 3, Station 21 to 42.

Section 4, Station 0 to 21.

Branch Ditch.

Section 1, Station 26 to 51 plus 90.

Section 2, Station 0 to 26.

and to the lowest bidder or bidders as a whole.

Bidders will be required to file with their bids affidavits as required by law upon forms furnished by such superintendent and each bid shall be accompanied with a good and sufficient bond in a sum equal to twice the amount of such bid, conditional for the faithful performance of said contract and that each bidder will enter into contract if the same be awarded to him, such bond to be approved by said superintendent.

The said superintendent reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

No bids will be accepted in excess of the estimated cost of such work, or in excess of the benefits found.

C. C. ERNST,  
3062 Supt. of Construction.

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Jesse O. Helm

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Court of Laughter

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Ed Carroll, jury foreman.

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