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## PREPARING

### FOR NEXT YEAR

While it is unfortunate that the bill for a new constitution should have the appearance of a mere party measure, there is in truth nothing whatever partisan about the proposed constitution. The republican legislators who met in caucus Wednesday night, with the Hon. Charles W. Miller acting as guide, philosopher and friend, and very obviously thinking more about the issues of next year than about the constitution this year. It is their purpose to make the case perfectly clear, which is, of course, what they should do. But in their eagerness to embrace the present opportunity they should realize that the bill is one which the legislature has a right to pass, and that it is not "tyranny" for a majority to pass bills, even without debate. It may be unwise, unkind and discourteous, but it is not revolutionary.

Nor will it be easy to persuade the people to think of Governor Marshall as a despot. He is not built on that line. One may question the wisdom

of his policy, or quarrel with his law, but really it is going far to ask the people to look on him as a plotter against their liberties. Nor are the republicans in a good position just now to make much out of the issue. If they had co-operated cordially with the democrats in every effort to get through good legislation, the people would have been impressed with their present "road roller" tactics. But as a matter of fact they have by a large majority antagonized almost every good bill that has been introduced, have combined with the reactionary democrats to prevent good legislation, and have done all in their power, through playing the smallest sort of politics, to put the democrats in a hole. Their action in regard to the registration bill is a shining exception. On bill after bill that was desired by the people the roll call has showed an overwhelming democratic majority for it and an overwhelming republican majority against it. That is the situation.

And so we doubt whether there is much political capital to be made just now out of a protest against the bill for a new constitution, or the action of the governor or the legislature in regard thereto. People will be very likely to think that it is simply another case of playing politics, and some may go so far as to feel that, in view of republican opposition to good bills, republican opposition to the proposed action of the legislature is really something in its favor. Finally we suggest that it is wholly impossible for the people to be enslaved, since the courts are all open, the laws are all in force, and finally the people will themselves have the fullest chance to discuss the proposed changes, not one of which can become effective except on the vote of the people.—Indianapolis News.

With today the legislature practically completes its work. The wind-up will come Monday, but it promises to be a day of horse play.

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 7, 1911, at 7 o'clock p. m., the common council of the city of Decatur, Indiana, will, at their council room in said city, receive bids for the following supplies:

Coal for use of the city of Decatur for the period of one year.

Oil for use of said city for the period of one year.

Hauling coal from railroads in said city to city water and electric light plant for one year.

All bids must be accompanied by certified check for \$25.00.

Witness my hand and the seal of said city this 23rd day of February, 1911.

H. M. DEVOSS,  
City Clerk.

## PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will sell at public auction on his farm in Blue Creek township, four miles southwest of Willshire, on Thursday, March 2nd, 2 horses, 3 mules, weight 1500 pounds each, 4 cows, 24 breeding ewes, 45 fall shoats, full line of farming implements, Clipper windmill, gasoline engine and "jack" for pumping, feed grinder, one four-cylinder runabout in good condition. Usual terms.  
4615 W. A. KENDALL.

PERCHERON Stallions and Shetland ponies, cheap. Stephen Lyle, White Cottage, Ohio.

Learn automobile business. We teach you at home. Get you \$25.00 weekly job; \$10.000 weekly while learning.—Rochester Auto School, 177 Rochester, N. Y.

FARM FOR RENT—The old Studebaker farm one-half mile east of Decatur. Will rent house, barn, or orchards and garden separate, or farm as a whole. A good opportunity for some one. For particulars call on Arthur Suttles.  
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P. B. Dykeman, Union township, 3 1/2 miles northeast of Decatur, has ten bred Glts for sale. Prices right. Phone 13-G. If you need one you better get in on this deal—quick for they are going to be sold.  
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Decatur, Indiana.

## SOCIETY DOINGS

### Patrons of Dent School Give

Clara Boknecht a Birthday Surprise.

### THE MITE SOCIETY

Entertained by Mrs. Walter

Kaufman—Christian Ladies Plan Work.

We flatter those we scarcely know. We please the fleeting guest, And deal full many a thoughtless blow To those who love us best.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

### CLUB CALENDAR FOR WEEK.

Monday. .... Needlecraft—Miss Mamie Kitson.

Tuesday. .... Historical—Mrs. Amos Gillig.

Wednesday. .... Shakespeare—Mrs. Chalmers Schaffer.

Thursday. .... Euterpean—Mrs. Harry Starr.

Salem Aid—Mrs. Freeman Walters.

Orient—Mrs. H. S. Lachot.

Friday. .... Medical Association—Dr. J. S. Boyers.

Thursday was the birthday anniversary of Miss Clara Boknecht, teacher at the Dent school house east of the city, and a large number of the patrons, taking with them baskets filled to overflowing with good things for a noon-day dinner, gave her a surprise call. It is needless to say that a good time was in order, and the day will go down in the history of the school as one never to be forgotten. Miss Clara was the recipient of a fountain pen as a gift from the patrons. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Cramer, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Wolf, Mrs. Homer Lower, Mrs. Lenhart, Mrs. B. E. VanCamp, Mrs. Ross Wolf, Mrs. Spuller and daughter, Mrs. Workinger, Mrs. Louis Murphy, Mrs. Willis VanCamp, Mr. and Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Kavel, Mrs. C. W. Boknecht and daughter, Marie.

The Sunday school class of the Concord Lutheran church taught by Willis Ponner gave a happy surprise for one of the pupils, Arthur Clark, for his nineteenth birthday anniversary at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clark, a large number of other neighbors and friends being in attendance. All varieties of social amusements were called into play and the evening was topped off with a refreshing lunch. Arthur was the recipient of a gold watch fob from the company. Another fine present was a top buggy from his grandmother.

Mrs. Noah Mangold was hostess to the Christian Ladies' Aid society Friday afternoon, a large representation being present. The society is planning for the repapering of the church. Interior painting of the woodwork and refinishing of the seats. They also arranged to hold a white sale during the first week in April and also to give a dinner. Delicious refreshments were in order after the business period.

The Mite society of the Methodist church held a social session at the home of Mrs. Walter Kaufman Friday, the hours being spent purely socially, plans for work and material matters being left until after the close of the year which ends in April. The collection amounted to about \$4.50.

J. E. Fisher and Dr. Clevenger of Garrett, Miss Laura Gaskill and Mrs. Ola Gaskill of Fort Wayne will be guests of Mrs. Gaskill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevens, over Sunday.

### ATTENTION, FARMERS!

There will be a meeting of the members of the Farmers' Institute association and others interested at the law office of Fruchte & Litterer in Decatur Saturday, March 4th at 2:00 p. m., for the purpose of arranging for the work of the coming year. The Woman's Auxiliary is also invited to be present. Don't neglect this, as I must furnish the state superintendent information soon, and we have some business of vital importance to discuss. You will be in town anyhow, so don't forget the time and place and come up.

CHAS. S. MUMMA, Chairman.

LOST—A plain brown fountain pen. Thought to be a Franklin make. Lost somewhere between the Curley Rademaker residence on Second street and the Moser China store. Finder return to this office and receive reward.  
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# WIND-UP OF WINTER SALE

We have finished our annual invoice and we have re-marked way down some big values in  
**CLOAKS, SUITS AND SKIRTS**

We have a lot of Children's Cloaks that were \$4.50 to \$6.00, your choice for . . . **\$1.50**

All Suits that were \$25.00, this sale **\$15.00**

All Suits that were \$20.00, this sale **\$10.00**

## A Choice Lot Of Remnants

In going through our stock we found a lot of small pieces which we cut into remnants at half their cost. Your gain and our loss. Visit our store for good values this month.

**NIBLICK AND COMPANY.**

### IS RECOVERING NICELY.

Mrs. O. L. Vance is recovering nicely since her operation six weeks ago. She was obliged to return Monday to the St. Joseph's hospital for examination and will probably be required to make another visit simply that the physicians who were her attendants there may know how she is getting along.

## LINCOLN'S VISIT

Interesting Event Told by Mrs. W. W. P. McMillen

on Anniversary

### OF HIS INAUGURAL

Stopped Off at Home of Her Uncle on Way to Washington, D. C.

Just fifty years ago today Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated president of the United States. An interesting event which occurred while he was enroute from his western home to Washington, D. C., to the inauguration is told by Mrs. W. W. P. McMillen and her mother, Grandma Ferry, of this city. Mrs. McMillen's uncle, Elisha P. Ferry, who was then a prominent attorney of Waukegan, Ill., was a personal friend of Lincoln, and the president-elect stopped over night at his home at Waukegan while enroute to Washington to the inauguration. After Lincoln became president, he appointed Attorney Ferry governor of the territory of Washington, and after this became a state, Mr. Ferry was elected state governor, holding the office until his death. An interesting feature of Lincoln's stay over night at the Ferry home at Waukegan, was that a son was born to the Ferrys during the night, and in honor of their distinguished visitor, he was named "Lincoln." The members of the Ferry family are now living in Seattle, Lincoln Ferry among the rest. Governor Ferry was the brother of Mrs. McMillen's father, and a brother-in-law of Grandma Ferry of this city.

## BACK TO PEOPLE

Is the Non-Partisan Movement Now on as Demonstrated at Capital.

### TWICE THIS WEEK

Vote on Lorimer and Fight For Election of Senators by Direct Vote.

(United Press Service.)

Washington, D. C., March 4.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Definite advancement of the national non-partisan "back to the people" movement will result from the seating of William Lorimer of Illinois, in the senate and the defeat by the senate of the resolution paying the way for the direct election of senators.

This somewhat paradoxical assertion was the conclusion reached by many keen political students, who have watched the trend of events. Representative Norris of Nebraska summed up the situation in the following statement, written for the United Press: Copyright 1911 by United Press.

By Representative George W. Norris. Great causes move gradually through a series of apparent reverses, which in the end are proved to have been in reality, advances. Obstacles in the way of a great moral movement become finally stepping stones to its accomplishment. Thus it has been with the "back to the people" movement in politics.

Within the last three days the senate of the United States has solidly placed two stepping stones in the path of the country-wide advance toward political purity—one when it failed to approve the constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of United States senators, the second when it voted to give William Lorimer his seat as senator from Illinois.

On the vote on the direct election of senators, the upper house of congress for the first time went on record regarding the long-sought reform. The measure failed by four votes, and its failure showed its advocates, their strength and its weakness. It is a

safe prediction from an analysis of the vote on this measure that within a few years the senate will give the people the power to exercise their own choice and discretion in the selection of senators.

And the seating of William Lorimer after the blazoned record that marked the investigation of the case will do much to hasten the passage of a direct elections constitutional amendment. That forty senators were convinced that Lorimer won his seat by improper methods and voted against seating him is a potent commentary on the present system of election by legislatures, in many cases too easily controlled by powerful influences.

The case with its record of sordid politics, spread in glaring nakedness before the people, will augment the already insistent demand, that the control of the senatorial elections be taken from the hands of the legislatures and vested in the sovereign power of the republic.

The Lorimer case is a practical demonstration, demanding that a system, a proved wrong, be righted.

FOR SALE—Fifteen bushels of red clover seed; no buckhorn. Call soon, or address Phil L. Schleferstein, Decatur, R. R. No. 7.  
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Learn automobile business. We teach you at home. Get you \$25.00 weekly job; \$110.00 while learning.—Rochester Auto School, 177 Rochester, N. Y.  
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## PUBLIC SALE.

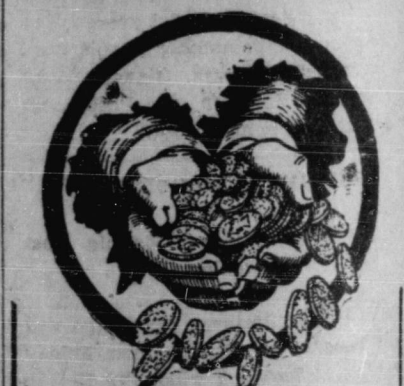
The undersigned will offer for sale at his residence, two and one-half miles northwest of Decatur, beginning at 9 o'clock, Tuesday, March 7, 1911, the following property: Seven Head of Horses. Consisting of 3 work mares, coming 5 years old, 1 with foal; 2 mares coming 13 years old, 1 with foal; 1 sorrel gelding coming 6 years old; 1 yearling colt. Four Head of Good Milk Cows. Two will calve 1st week in March, 1 in May; other one is fresh now; 2 yearling heifers, 1 6-months-old Durham bull calf. Sheep. Twenty head of sheep, all ewes. Hogs. Four brood sows, 2 full blooded Poland China, will farrow in March; 2 full blooded Chester Whites, will farrow in April; 1 Poland China male hog, 10 months' old; 4 Chester White male hogs; 2 Chester White sow pigs, 10 head of shoats, weighing about 100 pounds each. Machinery. McCormick binder, 7-foot cut; Milwaukee mower, 6-foot cut; John Deer corn

planter, 2 grain drills, 1 a fertilizer drill; hay rake, Thomas hay loader, hay tedder, 2 walking plows, corn sheller, Pioneer fanning mill, 3-horse cultivator, spike tooth harrow, 2 spring tooth harrows, 2 shovel plows, two-horse wagon, surrey, good as new; spring wagon, top buggy, 2 hay racks, 2 wheelbarrows, 3 sets heavy harness, 2 sets single harness, set surrey harness, 3 iron kettles, 2 cook stoves, 1 organ, good as new; 8 tons hay, corn fodder, seed oats, 20 bushels barley, corn in ear, Early Ohio potatoes and some late potatoes, 50 chickens and household goods; numerous other articles.

Terms—All sums of \$5.00 and under cash in hand; over \$5 a credit of 9 months will be given, the purchaser giving bankable note therefor with approved freehold security to the satisfaction of the undersigned. No property removed until settled for. Three per cent off for cash.

JOHN BOGNER.

John Spuller, Auct.  
J. F. Fruchte, Clerk.



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