

# DAILY DEMOCRAT

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The Decatur Automobile company has made wonderful strides during the past few months. From an obscure little plant, with apparently no chance to more than exist, they have suddenly taken on life, that means much, not only for the stockholders, but for every citizen in Decatur, and the present plans to double their size is but the beginning. All the years they were striving to get breath, they had a truck nearly as good as the one which is meeting with so much success now—but the world didn't know it. When the boys went east and proved that, and when they made the wonderful run with a loaded car from New York to Boston, and that fact was advertised over the country, the victory was won. Now, it's only a matter of time. In five years from now you won't know the northwest portion of Decatur. This is not a prediction, but a natural result of what must come with the steady growth of the plant.

While it is doubtful if the best fire company in the world could have saved much of the property destroyed by Wednesday's fire, and while the "ladies" did everything they could, and the citizens worked bravely, the blaze recalled the fact that we are sleeping on the oars, as regards a better equipment for fighting flames. Had this fire occurred at midnight, with the same stiff wind blowing, the entire west portion of the city would have

undoubtedly been wiped out. Wednesday the central hose company was on the ground in eight minutes after the alarm came in. Had it been night, however, it would probably have been a half hour and the fire would have gained such headway and spread over so wide a territory that it would have just had to burn out. How long are we going to wait before action is taken? Fort Wayne dreamed along until the Aveline hotel was licked up in a blaze and thirteen lives paid the toll. The loss of property is terrible, but the loss of life is worse. It's too important a proposition to play with. It's time to act.

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Decatur, Indiana, will on the 16th Day of May, 1911, at their council room in said city, at 7 o'clock p. m., receive sealed proposals for the following described improvement, as authorized by improvement resolution for the construction of a sewer on the following route, to-wit: Commencing on the west side of Fifth street at a point ten feet east of the northeast corner of inlet No. 21, in Fullenkamp's addition to the town (now city) of Decatur, running thence south to the alley between lots 34 and 27, thence west to center of alley running north and south between lots 37 and 29, thence south to street at southeast corner of inlet 42, thence west to Elm street sewer and there to terminate; all work to be done in accordance with improvement resolution and plans and specifications on file in office of city clerk. All bids shall be accompanied by certified check for \$25.00, as evidence of good faith. Failure of successful bidder to enter into contract and bond shall forfeit amount deposited. City council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Witness my hand and seal of said city this 4th day of May, 1911.

H. M. DeVOSS,  
City Clerk.  
May 4-11

## PLANTS FOR SALE.

Early cabbage and tomatoes at 6c per dozen at Werder Sisters. No. 347 phone. 524 Marshall street. 10666

DEMOCRAT WANT 'ADS PAY BIG

# SOCIAL DOINGS

VanCamps Hold Reunion at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Belus VanCamp.

## EAST OF THE CITY

German Reformed Endeavorers at Mutchler Home—Social Mention.

## CLUB CALENDAR FOR WEEK.

Thursday.  
Euterpean—Mrs. John Parrish.  
Flohrul de Purin—Emma Conrad.  
U. B. Ladies' Aid—Mrs. John Wisehaupt.  
Evangelical Aid—Mrs. Leonard Merryman.  
Pocahontas Dinner—Niblick Building.  
Entre Nous—Ruby Miller.  
Needlecraft—Jessie Magley.  
Friday.  
Christian Aid—Mrs. G. C. Steele.  
Medical Association—Dr. S. D. Beavers.  
Queen Esther's—Miss Vera Myers.

## A Good Motto.

"It's good to say 'Good Morning,' It's fine to say 'Hello,' But better still to grasp the hand Of a loyal friend you know. A look may be forgotten A word misunderstood, But the touch of the human hand Is the pledge of brotherhood."

Mrs. Albert Ramsey of Geneva was very pleasantly surprised at her home Tuesday by several of her friends in honor of her birthday anniversary. Those present were Charles Foughty of Bluffton, Sylvia, Jesse, Amos and Eva Ramsey, Mrs. Sarah Simison, Mrs. Clara Pearson, Golda Marie, Preen, John and Lawrence Pearson, Mrs. Besie Chrisman, Mrs. Malinda Chrisman, Misses Blanche and Alma E. Chris-

man, all of Linn Grove; Mrs. Nettie Brown of Petroleum, and daughter, Miss Ella, Mrs. Rosanna Chrisman of Linn Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ramsey.—Bluffton Banner.

The Orient club spent its usual delightful afternoon yesterday with Mrs. I. Kalver and besides needlework, there were two contests to furnish entertainment. One was the transposing of letters which, when formed into their order, spelled the words "Orient Club." Another was the making of as many words as possible from those same letters. Mrs. D. B. Erwin and Mrs. L. W. Coppock were the prize winners. A most delicious lunch added to the pleasure of the afternoon. Guests other than club members were Mrs. L. W. Coppock and Mrs. A. H. Barnard. Mrs. Charles Elzey will entertain the club next week.

The Misses Huldah and Ella Mutchler were hostesses to the members of the Christian Endeavor society of the German Reformed church Wednesday evening at their beautiful country home north of the city, the party, which numbered twenty or more enjoying the walk there in the delightful May weather. One of the business matters discussed was the purchase of a large new pulpit Bible. Following this there were contests, including a menu and smelling contest, and then delicious refreshments were served. Out-door games of all kind were played on the lawn. The next meeting will be in June with Miss Sue Mayer.

Tonight the dance of the C. B. L. of I. will be given at their lodge rooms and a large crowd is looked for.

A very happy reunion of the VanCamps was that at the Belus VanCamp home east of the city, this country home being in the height of beauty and comfort at this time of the year. Both dinner and supper were served the party, the tables being crowned with a boundless variety of dainties and substantial that fill a good country larder, and the tables were beautified with pretty spring flowers. The following were members of the party: Grandman VanCamp Robinson and husband, John Robinson, of Vera Cruz; Mrs. Laure VanCamp and daughter, Edwina and Naomi; Mr. and Mrs. Willis VanCamp and children, Wilda, Cleo, Doris, Roy and Kermit; Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Woods and daughter, Laure, of this city, and Miss Hazel VanCamp of Magley.

The Union Chapel Aid society spent yesterday afternoon quilting at the home of Mrs. Marrianna Murphy, east of the city, a good social time being also enjoyed.

## IS STILL NEUTRAL

United States Does Not Recognize Mexican Insurgents at Beligerents.

"HANDS OFF" POLICY  
Five Thousand Men Will Guard Foreign Property and Public Buildings.

(United Press Service.)  
Washington, D. C., May 11—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Recognition of the Mexican insurgents as beligerents is little nearer today than before the capture of Jaurez, declared officials. By recognizing the insurgents the United States would abandon claims for damages suffered by American citizens. It would also be regarded as a declaration of moral support to the insurgents, which would amount to a reversal of the "hands off" policy. Mexico may now import arms and ammunition and supplies as he pleases and individuals may cross the boarder at will. Expeditions, consisting of three or more, however, are prohibited under the neutrality laws.

Mexico City, May 11—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A conference for the safe-guarding of lives and property of foreigners is in progress today with ambassadors and ministers of all countries in attendance. The outcome is

## Oh You Juicy Fruit

Get it at Massonees'

Oranges  
Lemons  
Pineapples  
Radishes  
Cucumbers  
Strawberries  
Lettuce  
Onions, Carrots

It comes fresh every day.  
Massonees Madison St. Fruit House.

## TO PLEASE YOU PLEASES US

No Shoe House Enjoys Selling Good Shoes More Than We Do  
We Enjoy Selecting the Styles And Shapes That



## WE KNOW WILL PLEASE YOU

We Enjoy The Many Expressions of Satisfaction FROM PLEASED PATRONS

We Enjoy, Also, Finding The Right Style The Right Shape and Size For Each Customer, Without Which Shoe Comfort Cannot Exist.

Afford Us The Opportunity Of Pleasing You

**ELZEY & FALK**  
OPP. COURT HOUSE

likely to be an offer of services of 5,000 leading Mexicans and members of foreign colonies thrown out as a reversal of the "hands off" policy. Mexico may now import arms and ammunition and supplies as he pleases and individuals may cross the boarder at will. Expeditions, consisting of three or more, however, are prohibited under the neutrality laws.

Mrs. Laure VanCamp was at Fort Wayne yesterday on business pertaining to the settlement of the VanCamp estate. While there she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Rost, who is a teacher. Mrs. Rost will come here the first of June for a two weeks' visit with Mrs. VanCamp before returning to her home at Schenectady, N. Y., to spend the summer.

John Charles Fremont Manley, the well known liveryman of Geneva, was a business visitor here today.

## Your Success and Ours

The success of this institution is in helping its customers to succeed, whether their dealings be large or small. There is not a bank anywhere which understands better the wants of its patrons, whether farmers, business men or individuals.

We have a service for every member of the community, poor or rich, and we want everyone to feel at liberty to come and talk with us about any financial service of which they feel the need.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

DECATUR INDIANA  
Capitol \$100,000 Surplus \$20,000  
Resources \$800,000

Pres. P. W. Smith Vice Pres. W. A. Kuebler  
Cashier C. A. Dugan Asst. Cashier F. W. Jaebker

## BURN'S DETECTIVE AGENCY

ARE doing some might clever work, but it does not take a detective to discover that we have and are offering the best hardware bargains in the city.

## We Have Everything Needed For Spring Work

Garden hose, hand tools, wheel-barrows, farming implements, in fact anything you may need. We handle a good quality of goods in our store, and the price of these goods are as low as the cost of manufacturing will allow.

**LANAM & LEE**  
SELLERS OF GOOD GOODS.



IF \$15.00 is your price for a suit this Spring, let us show you the smartest new styles, made of quality worsteds, serges and cassimeres in dark and medinm light patterns

The workmanship and quality of the fabrics in these suits are guaranteed to give satisfaiou --you be the judge.

If you want an exceptional combination of quality and low price we'd be pleased to show you.

For those that wish to pay a little more, we've suits up to \$22.50 and as low as \$5.00.

**The Myers-Dailey Co.**  
Clothiers & Furnishers.

## FLY TIME

Is coming It's our duty to prepare you for coming events. We don't want you to be uncomfortable when fly time comes-and we've noticed several flies already this spring, they'll be here in droves in a few weeks. Be prepared before they arrive have the screen doors and windows in place before the pests swarm through your home. We have our assortment of window screens and screen doors now ready for your inspection. Have a wide variety of sizes, sure to meet your requirement.

Screen wire cloth (Galvanized and Painted) in all widths.

**SCHAFER HARDWARE CO.**  
We Save You Money



## THE HOME OF Quality Groceries

WHAT PLACE Can be More Tantalizing To The Kids Than The Pantry With Locked Door, ESPECIALLY,

When They Know It's Filled With Good Things From Our Store! Be Patient, Until Meal Time, Kids!

## SATURDAY ONLY

You can buy delicious green string beans at a bargain. They are those tender juicy quality kind. 1 can 8c, 3 cans 23c, 6 cans 45c. Early seed potatoes that will grow, 75c bu. Farmers-Eggs 15c. Butter 14 to 20c. Cash or trade.

**Hower and Hower,**  
North of G. R. & I. Depot. Phone 108.