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The weather is not just what is ordered for next week, but we are hoping that a week of ideal days will follow this week of rain and bluster. If we get the weather, we will give you the best time you ever had.

From over the state comes the news that the Bull Moose party is weakening, and that Wilson and the democratic state candidates become stronger each day. This is one year when the people refuse to be fooled, and this feeling promises to continue for many years.

The Bull Moosers are quoting the fact that Dr. Harvey Wiley has cast only one vote in thirty-one years as an intimation that his advice to others now to vote for Wilson must be pretty poor. The chief Bull Moose thought his advice as to pure food was pretty poor, and called him an "idiot," and overruled him. But the indications are the people think Dr. Wiley knows what he is talking about. —Indianapolis News.

Col. W. J. Bryan, the people's favorite, whose battle for sixteen years has been the real cause for every good law enacted by the national government, and who so long as he lives will be on the side of the common people, the man who "never sold the hour to serve the cause," will be here next Friday morning. That he will be welcomed by a crowd of many thousands is assured, as is the fact that his advice politically will be followed by the voters this year.

Contracts for paving Monroe, Ninth and Rugg streets have been made with E. Woods and Company. The work will be completed early next summer. A few years ago Adams county roads were laughed at by every one, and the streets of Decatur were the worst to be found anywhere. Now what? Adams county has the very enviable reputation of having more miles of stone pike than any county of its size in the United States, while this city, with her

miles of paved streets, has but few equals in Indiana. We sure are going along about right, and a few years more should make us the greatest community on earth.

## Everything Ready Now

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school house in the former days when the entrance was at the north end of the building; the wooden desks were big enough for a small boy to crawl into and hide until his big sister returning from the class room would reassure the timid little fellow that it was safe to come out. And it was from this same building oft remodelled and repaired many years later I took a certain Miss Coverdale, whose business it was to launch the youthful mind on Learning's toboggan, and persuaded her that I needed her more than the "kiddies" did, and thereby incurred the disapproval of the stern Professor Luckey.

I well remember when Decatur had but three churches: The Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist. These societies then struggling for their maintenance were the representatives of the present vigorous Christian life of this prosperous community.

Another reminiscence of my early days is of a woman who was my favorite teacher and whose influence for good followed me through my youth. One day I stopped at her home in what was known as the "Studabaker House," which stood on the corner of Second and Adams streets, and looked into the face of a healthy baby boy. The baby grew to the distinction of your honorable and dignified secretary—Mr. French Quinn. With a sense of freedom in the presence of my esteemed friend and teacher, I said to the chubby little fellow: "Hello, Frenchie, Frenchie, and then retreated in confusion, wondering what I had done to occasion such a riot of oh's and ah's and other exclamations.

May Decatur have a happy and successful week. May the prosperity, which is marked by the opening of the big beet sugar factory be continued through her history. Joy to the queenly city on the banks of the Kekionga. Joy to Adams county—God's garden—in the watershed where are the fountains whose waters flow to the oceans of the south and the far northeast.

Respectfully yours,  
J. C. DORWIN.  
Port Townsend, Wash.

## Showing Is Good

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1912, there was a balance of \$160,921.42 in the general fund. The democrats also paid off in this year \$150,000 of the state's bonded indebtedness, which was not due until 1915, thus saving the state, \$5,250 interest.  
This excellent showing for the last ten months of the fiscal year ending September 30, 1911, and the whole of the fiscal year ending September 30, 1912, was made in face of a decrease of one and a half cents in the tax levy, which means a saving to the taxpayers of about \$280,000 a year.

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY

Tri Kappas Breakfast in Honor of Miss Frances Merryman.

### A DINNER PARTY

For Will Schrock and Miss Midge Smith—Boys at Robinson Home.

I hold it truth, with him who sings,  
To one clear harp in divers tones,  
That men may rise on stepping-stones  
Of their dead selves to higher things.  
—Tennyson's "In Memoriam."

The closing one of the week's fetes for Miss Frances Merryman, an October bride, was the breakfast given this morning at 9:30 o'clock at the C. J. Lutz home. The hostesses were the Misses Fannie Frisinger and Jean Lutz and the guests were the Kappa Kappa sorority. Covers were laid at the table for fifteen and at each plate were dainty little-souvenir baskets of candies. A larger basket filled with flowers was the centerpiece, and the breakfast served was most delicious and the appointments faultless. An electric toaster that will be much appreciated in the new home about to be established, was presented to Miss Merryman.

Mr. Earl Robinson, of West Monroe street, threw open his home Friday evening for the circle of boys in the Methodist Sunday school class of which he is a teacher. The boys range in age up to fourteen years, and they had one jolly good time with their teacher, in true brotherly camaraderie. They had wrestling matches, told stories and bobbed for apples and then had a keen appetite for the tasty lunch served by Mrs. Robinson. The class includes the following: Earl Archibald, Edwin Hoffman, Ralph Tyndall, Donald Hower, Paul Lawson, Walter Holmes, Richard Archibald, Winfield Maddy, Fred Butler, Julius Fledderjohann, David Ort, Harold Gase.

The Loyal Women and the Ruth Circle of the Christian church were entertained together Thursday evening by Mrs. A. D. Artman and Mrs. Olen Baker, twenty being present. Miss Ocee Armstrong of Muncie, who is the guest of Miss Mabel Weidy gave a recital which was very pleasing. Plans were also furthered for the class play to be given at the opera house November 12. A Halloween social will also be given Friday, November 1, probably in the Royal Neighbors hall.

Louise and Lewis Adelsperger of South Bend will be week-end guests of the G. F. Kintz family.

Mr. George Everett and Mrs. O. P. Mills were guests yesterday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Bell at Craigville.

Mrs. Mull and Mrs. Lawrence Meyers drove from Monroeville and were guests yesterday of Mrs. I. Kalver and Mrs. John Meyers, respectively.

Contrary to the usual order of the feminine world the telephone girls have birthday anniversaries. The second one celebrated this week, was that of Miss Frances Rademaker. Her birth anniversary does not really come until next Monday but the girls knowing that it has been the rule to have a surprise for their companions, and that the "surprise" might fall flat if they waited till Monday, had it a little earlier. They all masked last evening and went to the Rademaker home while Miss Frank was at the picture show, and when she returned she found a motley crowd, indeed. There was music by the Miss Inez Coverdale, Effie Rex, Esther Heckman and Mae Rademaker and others and then came refreshments of ice cream and cake. Miss Rademaker was given a handsome silver salad fork with the compliments of her friends. Besides the telephone girls, the Misses Lola Baker of Port Wayne and Effie Rex were guests.

Messrs. L. C. Waring, C. A. Dugan and J. H. Heller were guests last evening at a surprise given for Judge O'Rourke at his home on Washington street in Port Wayne, the event being in honor of his birthday which occurs today. A dinner at 7:30 and an enjoyable evening, with Mrs. O'Rourke as the hostess and Miss Helen O'Rourke assisting was the program. The Judge, sincerely loved by those who know him well, and admired by all for his qualities as an entertainer, is best in his own home and the occasion was very pleasant.

Autumn leaves in their varied tints arranged tastefully in the rooms of the

Schrock home, made a bright setting for the dinner party given at six o'clock last evening by Mrs. Nettie Schrock for her son, Will P. Schrock, and his fiancée, Miss Edith Smith, whose nuptials will occur Tuesday, October 22. The centerpiece of the table, perfect in its appointments, and very pretty to the eye, was a centerpiece of swansons, the white blossoms combining prettily with the green smilax trailers. The dinner was served in four courses, and covers were laid for the intimate man friends of the prospective groom and their wives and the intimate friends of the bride-elect. They were Dr. and Mrs. Roy Archibald, Dr. and Mrs. Earl Coverdale, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Adams, and the Misses Marie Patterson, Fannie Hite, besides the two honored ones, Miss Smith and Mr. Schrock. Mrs. Oren Smith of Indianapolis, Mrs. G. H. Meyers of Bloomington, Ill., and Miss Bess Schrock, sisters of Mr. Schrock, were also members of the party.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Terveer will give a 12 o'clock dinner party Sunday, when covers will be laid for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Uhl, Mrs. Josephine Rodd, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Tohle, Covington, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Voglewede, Mrs. R. J. Holthouse and son, Arthur; Mrs. Anna Volmer and son, Al.

The regular meeting of the Mite society of the Methodist church was held with Mrs. O. L. Vance Friday. The attendance and interest were good and the collection reached the sum of \$10.15.

## GUEST TO NEW HAVEN

Dr. Harry Erwin for two Years at Edgerton Buys Practice of

### NEW HAVEN DOCTOR

Also His Office and Residence—Will Locate There November 15th.

Dr. Harry Erwin, who has been located at Edgerton, Jackson township, this county, for the past two years, and has enjoyed a very satisfactory practice during that period, will on November 15th abandon his practice at Edgerton and move to Huntertown, Allen county, Ind., where he will take up a permanent location, as he has purchased the practice, office and residence of Dr. Greenwalt, a physician of note and years' practice in Huntertown and surrounding country. Dr. Erwin is a young physician, but since taking up his shingle at Edgerton, his first field of labor, he has won the confidence and esteem of the entire citizenship of Edgerton and community for miles around and all regret to learn that he is going to leave, but in his going the citizens of Edgerton and community lose much and the little town of Huntertown and community gain to an extent that in the estimation of all who are acquainted with Dr. Erwin and amiable companion that they will never have cause to regret their coming among them as citizens. —Monroeville Breeze.

Dr. Erwin is a son of Judge Erwin of Port Wayne, formerly of Decatur.

### BE SURE TO WEAR BADGE.

Every loyal man and woman of Decatur should wear a reception badge next week. The young ladies are out selling them and you will have ample opportunity. The red badges are for the men and the white for the ladies, while blue badges will be given to the visitors who register at the library. Buy a badge. They only cost twenty-five cents and they show you are one of the live citizens.

### FOR QUICK SALE.

We have 50 acres, 3 miles of Decatur, practically all black soil, good 8-room house, cellar, cistern, cement walks, good barn, 40x70, granaries, etc., plenty of fruit, well tilled and fenced. Price, \$155 per acre.  
HARVEY & LEONARD,  
Over Vance, Hite & Macklin Store.

### NOTICE.

Any one wishing bread for Sunday call phone 448 and it will be delivered.  
JIM COVERDALE.  
(Advertisement)

### ESTPAY NOTICE.

I have enclosed a stray hog. Owner please call for same.

J. P. DAVIS.  
Monroe Telephone. 2291f  
(Advertisement)



## Shirred Backs and Button Trimmings

Two important style features shown in our new Fall Suits

A number of innovations appear this Fall in the backs of the coats, shirring at the waistline being one of the most popular ideas. This gives the coat a charmingly youthful effect.

On some suits buttons are the only trimming. They are used on the belts, on the revers, on the cuffs, on the skirts, with effects that will surprise and delight you.

On our line of Bischof suits these style features

are brought out with striking originality. That famous designer knows exactly how to use the simplest features to secure really wonderful results.

And every model is strictly "man-tailored," serviceable, tailored to fit and keep its shape.

Come in and see this line of suits. You will find them irresistible. Each has an originality of its own—is a type in itself, and no matter which you choose you may be sure you will be distinctively and faultlessly dressed.

In all the new colors and materials.

## NIBLICK & COMPANY

## WELCOME HOME COMERS

Welcome you who have remained at home  
Welcome you who have but recently come among us  
Welcome, thrice welcome to our city beautiful, during

## OLD HOME WEEK

and always—and to our store, and our very low prices on all that is new and desirable in the line of clothing for men and boys.

We are showing this fall the largest and most complete stock of clothing, furnishings, hats and caps, and all other articles in our line, ever shown in Decatur and it is therefore with much pride that we give you this personal invitation to call and see us.

We will be glad to just have the chance to say "Howdy" whether you want anything or not.

## DECATUR CAN AND WILL

Greet you in real Hoosier style and so will We if you give us the chance.

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