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Thanksgiving Day. It comes tomorrow and in every home in the United States will be felt the spirit of this religiously kept holiday. One day each year we all cease work and devote the hours to demonstrating our thankfulness for the harvest, whatever it has been. It is a wonderful custom, delightful because of the reunions, the services in church and home, the very fact that with all the bustle and bustle of modern business, merchant, farmer, banker, professional man, laborer, all of us, quits for one day and remembers that we are blessed.

The totals for the popular vote for president in the United States have just been announced. Wilson received a total of 6,156,748; Roosevelt, 5,928,140; Taft, 3,376,422. With the vote still uncounted in seven states Debs received 673,783 votes, considerably short of the million claimed. Wilson received more than 200,000 votes less than did Bryan in 1908 and more than a million less than did Mr. Taft and still he will have the largest electoral vote ever given any man in this nation. Figure the dope if you can. Of course some will say that had the republicans been united they would have won a great victory and still there are hundreds of thousands who would not have voted for Taft under any consideration and as many who would have refused to support Roosevelt, so that it is very likely that with either a candidate alone against Mr. Wilson the latter would have had a larger popular vote than was ever given any man.

The Thanksgiving number of The High School Booster was issued today. It's a live looking paper and we are proud to have printed it. From a standpoint of being well edited, well arranged and well managed, we would like to stack it up against any high school or college paper in Indiana. It is a creditable journal which aids in finishing the students who take part in its publication, and did it ever occur to you that the boys and girls who are doing this work now will soon be the "live ones" in reality, that is the men and women who do things in the community. It is, therefore, most important that they learn to push and hustle and work and win in school. It's a great work and so far as we are concerned we are willing to take off our coats and help them in any way possible. On the front cover of each issue, we might add, appears the slogan, "Decatur Can and Will," and when we get a few hundred more men and women who have been reared with that motto in front of them from the time they were in high school, we can and will be better than we could otherwise be. Hurrah for The High School Booster and all its boosters.

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Last Sad Rites

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change, he suddenly left and went to Milwaukee, Wis., where he obtained employment in a similar office.

It was his custom to return home to Evanston, Ill., to spend Sunday with his family, and he was there on a week-end visit when he committed suicide. It was his former custom to return to Milwaukee on a Monday morning to resume work, but he remained over and when asked whether he were not going to return to his work, replied that he did not know.

Mrs. Vaughn has been employed in one of the largest department stores in Evanston and spent Monday there at her work, as usual. When she left her work in the evening at 6 o'clock and arrived at her home ten minutes later she was horrified to find her husband unconscious, and the small bottle marked cyanide of potassium lying near, told the story of his attempt to take his life. He was still living and Mrs. Vaughn hastened to the nearest telephone to call a physician. Before she could return home from telephoning, the physician had already arrived, but stated that nothing could be done to prevent Mr. Vaughn's death. So deadly is the nature of this poison that the physician stated that he had been there a half minute after the man had taken it nothing could have prevented the deadly work of the drug. Mr. Vaughn lived only about ten minutes after taking the poison, and he probably took it about 6 o'clock, just as he knew his wife would be leaving her work. The poison he used is said to have been like that he used in cleaning various parts of the metal of the machines which he operated.

Mr. Vaughn had gone to his home about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, as he was seen at that time by one of the neighbors, who talked with him. He seemed to be in his usual good spirits and gave no hint of his intention. That he carefully planned the suicide is known from the note he left for his wife. He said in the note that he had been a failure both as a husband and in his business life, and that his family would be better off without him in all ways. He mentioned also that his wife could probably get a pension, as he was a Spanish-American war veteran. He carried a life insurance policy for fifteen hundred dollars, and a short time before his death he gave his wife a receipt showing the premiums paid in full, and everything in good shape. His keys, including those used by him in his work in the office in Milwaukee, were carefully marked and designated, so that no confusion would result.

It is quite certain to those who knew him best, that his mind was deranged at the time, and has been at intervals for many years, and that this was the cause of his suicide. It is said that he has been subject to attacks of melancholia since boyhood, and that these grew in intensity and frequency with the passing of years. At one time in this city he made an unsuccessful attempt to take his life, and his family feared that at some time his condition might grow to endanger the lives of the others also.

During times of depression he would leave his work suddenly and go away for varying periods, and when he returned, he could give no account of himself or whereabouts. It was during a spell of this kind that he left his work here as city mail carrier and was gone several weeks. He sent postal cards from various points to friends here and when he returned could not remember having been at the points from which they were mailed.

He left his work at Evanston in a similar way. His son, Crede, who was employed at the same place where his father worked, and is also attending school, stated that the company there said there was no reason why he should leave their employ, he doing so, it seems, without reason, and with no prospects at that time of the position which he, however, later secured at Milwaukee. He had many good qualities, and because of his jolly, good nature, made friends everywhere.

His death is an extremely sad one, and

his family has the sincere sympathy of all.

Mrs. Vaughn and son will return to Evanston, where they will continue their employment. Mrs. Vaughn has an excellent position as floor walker in the Lord department store, a very large concern, and the son is attending school there, as well as having a good position with the Index company.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

Mrs. Arthur Ford Gives Pleasing Dinner Party--

Birthday Party.

BY HALLIE LEONARD

Thanksgiving Day Reunions Scheduled--Gerbers Will Celebrate.

WEEKLY SOCIAL EVENTS Wednesday.

K. of C. Dance.
Florhul de Purin--Stella Chronister
St. Vincent de Paul--Mrs. J. Q. Neptune.

Friday.
Helping Hand--Mrs. Ed Miller.
Needlecraft--Sue Mayer.
Afternoon--Mrs. R. J. Holthouse.
Y. P. S. C. E. U. Social--E. B. Lenhart Home.

Thanksgiving.
For what shall we give thanks as years pass by,
And troubles throng and vexing cares abide?

For blessings, only? Nay, for joys denied
We raise glad pearls to our Lord on high.

That which has been withheld perchance had been.

Our ruin, and the Father knowing well

Our weakness sent the cruel pain that fell

With crushing weight, yet did so discipline.

—Helen M. Richardson.

H. C. Martin, principal of the Vassal High School, will be the guest Thanksgiving day of the family of Martin Worthman, principal of the local high school.

Harold Magley is twelve years old today and in celebration invited ten little neighbor friends to be his guests this afternoon after school at the home of his father, J. J. Magley, on West Monroe street. They hunted peanuts and had a general frolic, before refreshments came. Of course, there was the birthday cake with its candles, ice cream and other trimmings without which a party is incomplete. The guests were: Frances and Marion Hoagland, James Leonard, Claude Logan, Ralph Butler, Wayne Booth, Noble Lachot, Francis Robison, Rolland Smith and Buster Hofstetter.

Fifteen little girl friends helped Miss Hallie Leonard celebrate her twelfth birthday anniversary Tuesday evening after school hours at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leonard, on West Monroe street, where they had the jolliest time ever. In a peanut hunt, Miss Gladys Flanders won the prize and in a contest of carrying peanuts on a knife, Miss Anna Weikel proved the most expert. Other games and amusements passed the time until the refreshment hour. All took their places around the long table, the prettiest feature of the many pretty things being the birthday cake with its twelve lighted tapers. The luncheon consisted of sandwiches, pickles, Waldorf salad, cocoanut and ice cream and cake, and was served by the Misses Vera Hunsicker and Merle Leonard. Another pretty table decoration were the pumpkin halves whose hollows were filled with pop-corn and apples, these being served later. The little guests were conveyed to their home after the party by Mr. Leonard in his automobile. Those who attended the party and enjoyed the very good time were the Misses Martha McCrory, Ireta Beavers, Irene Butler, William Smith, Violet Vanfart, Fanny McIntosh, Fanny Heller, Gladys Flanders, Irene Gregory, Beulah Kenna, Anna Gerard, Anna Weikel, Mabel Mangold, Helen Walters.

On the evening of November 22nd, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Cole at their beautiful home in Garrett, Ind., assisted by sixty of their friends, celebrated the china anniversary of their wedding day. Twenty years ago, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brokaw, in Decatur, Ind., they were married. Mr. Cole has been for more than twenty years a trusted and well known engineer on the R. & I. railroad. Mrs. Cole was Miss Agnes Brokaw, and wore on this occasion the same dress that adorned her

on her wedding day. An appropriate ceremony was pronounced by the same clergyman, Rev. W. J. Myers of Decatur. The M. E. Sunday school orchestra furnished most charming music. Besides, there was other instrumental music, vocal solos and duets. The gifts of china were both beautiful and elaborate. The Rev. Mr. Tinkham, pastor of the Garrett M. E. church, made the presentation address in well chosen and appropriate words. The refreshments served about midnight were in perfect keeping with the occasion. Out-of-town guests were present from Cleveland, Findlay, Fort Wayne and Decatur. Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Brokaw, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Myers, Mrs. Anna Laman of Decatur were among the attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gerber will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary tomorrow with a Thanksgiving dinner party. The affair promises to be a very happy one.

The wedding of Henry Kirchner, and Miss Bertha Bieberich occurred in this city and was solemnized by the Rev. Wehmeyer of the Zion's Lutheran church. The witnesses were Karl Hockmeyer and Wilhelmina Knapstein. The young couple will reside at Preble and are well and favorably known.

The dinner party given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Arthur Ford was a pleasing event of the week. The guests came early and there were many pleasant features of entertainment. A comfort knotting contest was one. Four of the ladies were matched against four on opposite sides of the comfort and each team vied with the other in knotting her side the quickest. The team comprising Mrs. Dan Vail, Mrs. Jesse Sellemeyer and Mrs. Jesse Dailey and Mrs. Dyke Frisinger won. Another contest was a hunt for a prize, the one finding it to keep it. Miss Fanny Frisinger was successful in finding the prize, which was an ivory pin cushion. At the dinner hour Mrs. Ford served a tempting dinner in three courses. Chrysanthemums and smilax artistically arranged made the table unusually pretty. Covers were laid for the following: Mrs. Avon Burk, Mrs. Jesse Sellemeyer, Mrs. Jesse Dailey, Mrs. Dan Vail, Mrs. Jesse Helm, Mrs. M. A. Frisinger, Mrs. Roy Archbold, Mrs. Irvin Case, the Misses Jean Butler, Edna Hoffman, Fanny Frisinger and Madge Hite.

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The Misses Marie Klotz and Ella Strebig of Ft. Wayne will arrive to be Thanksgiving guests of Miss Margaret Gerard and to attend the dance tomorrow.

Miss Marie Kintz will give a slumber party this evening at the home of her sister Mrs. J. Q. Neptune. The girls will attend the dance and will then go to the Neptune home where they will slumber until four o'clock tomorrow morning. At that time they will form a train party of welcome to meet Gregg Neptune, who is coming home from Chicago where he is a dental college student. The party of girls will include the Misses Genevieve Bremkamp, Agnes Meibers, Agnes Kohne, Georgia Meibers, Marie and Letts Kintz.

Miss Elsie Mutchler entertained the Entre Nous club girls last evening, with Miss Lydia Kirsch as a guest. They first visited the sugar beet plant where under the guide of Mr. Frank Clark, who explained the processes in detail, they had a very instructive tour of the plant. They then returned to the Mutchler home where they sewed, listened to music by the Misses Ruby Miller, Hulda Mutschler and others, and then had a delicious luncheon.

AT THE CRYSTAL.

Friday night the Crystal show will consist of a two-reel subject entitled "The Siege of Petersburg," which will show in detail the historical points of this decisive battle. The management has stated that all old soldiers will be admitted free of charge to this show. The theater will also be open Thanksgiving afternoon. Five cents.

(Advertisement)

WANTED--Some one to do family washing and ironing--Mrs. D. R. Vail, Madison St.--Advt. 28313

HOUSE FOR RENT--8 room house on So. Chestnut St., with acre of ground. Inquire of C. T. Rainier, 208 S. 10th St., or phone 550--Advt. 28313

NOTICE

To Property Owners Along Nuttman Avenue.

Notice is hereby given by the common council in and for the City of Decatur, Indiana, that said council has passed a preliminary resolution for the construction and repair of sidewalks on said street, known as Nuttman Avenue, from Fifth street, to Decatur street, and have fixed

December 17, 1912,

at 7 o'clock p.m., at their council room

as the day upon which they will hear

and receive remonstrances by proper-

ty owners affected by said improve-

ment and will then determine whether

the benefits accruing to abutting

property will be equal to the estimated

costs thereof. All work to be done

in accordance with the resolution

therefor and in conformity with the

plans and specifications on file in the

office of the city clerk.

Witness my hand and seal this 20th

day of November, 1912.

H. M. DeVOSS,

City Clerk.

NOTICE

To Property Owners Along Line Street.

Notice is hereby given by the common council in and for the City of Decatur, Indiana, that said council has passed a preliminary resolution for the construction and repair of sidewalks on said street, known as Line street, east side, from Adams to Rod street, and have fixed

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LIBRARY CLOSED.

The public library will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Public Auction Sale

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Rain or shine, under shelter if it rains, Auction begins at 12 o'clock sharp at our store in front of Buggy Salesroom, at Decatur, Ind. This will be the best and largest sale we have ever attempted. We will offer more merchandise at this sale than ever before offered at one of our sales.

TWENTY BUGGIES AND TWO CARRIAGES

Just received all new styles and up-to-the-minute. New style beds, paint and tops. Every vehicle guaranteed exactly the same as if sold at private sale. We would like to have you look these buggies over before the sale, at our saleroom. Here is your chance to buy buggies and harness at your own price. These buggies are all new and all high grade in every respect, manufactured by the well known Old Hickory Buggy Co., Michigan Buggy Co. and Union City Carriage Co.

\$75.00 WORTH OF PRIZES GIVEN AWAY FREE

We will give away to those attending this sale 9 handsome and costly prizes. To entitle you to receive one of these prizes you must register your name with the clerk in the hardware store on the day of sale, between the hours of 9 and 12 and you must be present at the hour of drawing. The prizes will include:

- 1 Shot Gun
- 1 Set Brass Trimmed Buggy Harness
- 2 Sets Silver Knives and Forks
- 2 Fancy Plush Robes
- 1 Pair Wool Horse Blankets
- 2 Large Granite Roasters

SPECIAL

We offer at this sale many reasonable articles not mentioned in this bill. Call and look these goods over, as this will be a wonderful opportunity to buy new goods at the low dollar. Call and see what we will offer.

TERMS

\$5.00 and under cash in hand. A credit until September, 1st, 1913, nine months from date of