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In Illinois the speaker of the house and the president of the senate are law partners. That ought to give that firm a standing in the state.

Groundhog day tomorrow. The fellow who has predicted that he will have no cold weather may have to change that prediction to one that allows six weeks of the real thing. Anyway we are having the first taste right now and it's winter, too.

We don't know why a farmer in this part of the country wouldn't be anxious to raise beets. With a good market right here at home, with every advantage known to the raising of this product, why wouldn't you do the thing that is bound to make the land values in this county higher than in the counties where they have no sugar plant?

Representative Beatty is making a good record in the legislature. He is voting for the bills that ought to become laws and against the bad ones. He is for the people all the time and is taking a real part in the session of the assembly. He has introduced several bills and has already succeeded in having two of them passed. He is one of the members of the house that does things.

A prominent advertiser who spends a fortune every year in publicity has established a significant rule. Whenever he notices a slowing up of business, he increases his advertising. This is his reason: "When business is booming it is necessary to fight for it. It comes of itself, but when business is slow I insist on having my share of it, and the easiest way to get it is by calling attention to the value of my goods. I do not wait for hard times. I scent them in the distance and before anybody else gets busy, I make my contracts for advertising on a big scale and get my orders in before my competitors know what I am doing." The logic and common sense of the attitude of this gentleman account in large part for the remarkable success he has achieved.—Leslies.

After March 4, next, the United States senate will be Democratic. With this question settled, the minds of the Democratic leaders in Washington undoubtedly will rest easier, but with the ease should come an appreciation of the responsibility which the situation entails. The house of representatives is strongly Democratic as the senate stands now the Democrats have forty-nine of a possible ninety-six members. There are yet a few states to be heard from where the legislatures are deadlocked, and from these the Democrats hope to obtain perhaps two or three additional senators. Although it is probably that the United States senate, even with a Democratic majority lacking, would have been found working in harmony with the administration in progressive lines because of the favorable attitude of La Follette and other Republicans of his type, it is better that the body is completely under the control of the party which is dominant in the other branches of government. For under these conditions the responsibility will be undivided.—Indianapolis News.

WANTER—At once, two girls to strip tobacco. Steady work.—"The White Stag" Cigar factory. 2212

When you follow?

THE MYER-DAILEY CO.

## MEMORIAL.

Taps have again been sounded for another of the loyal sons of the republic, and our esteemed comrade, T. R. Moore, has fallen out, and is today bivouacing with a half-million more of the defenders of their country, from sixty-one to sixty-five. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in Comrade Moore's death, Sam Henry Post has lost one of its faithful, efficient and loyal members, his comrades a true, tried and faithful friend, the business community an honest, upright and just business associate, the city, county, state and nation a loyal patriotic and law-abiding citizen and a staunch defender of the flag of his country, in times of peace and war.

Resolved, That we will imitate his many virtues, inculcate in our memories his devotion to the flag of his country and his loyalty to his host of friends.

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved wife, son and friends our sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained by the death of a husband and father.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given his bereaved widow and son, a copy spread of record on the books of Sam Henry Post and a copy handed the city dailies for publication.

S. B. FORDYCE,  
B. W. SHOLTY,  
D. K. SHACKLEY,  
Committee.

## Is Keeping Cool

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same lines as that of President Garfield, who was shot in Washington, D. C., and died in New Jersey. Mrs. Hoover was shot in Ohio and died in Indiana, the cases being very similar.

Hoover is not so very well educated, although he has had all the opportunities any young man could have. His father owns a two-hundred-acre farm and is one of the best known men in Van Wert county. Neighbors of the Hoovers do not believe that Ralph Hoover shot his wife, and neither does the father, A. B. Hoover. He says he is confident that if his son did it he would open up and tell it.

Among the witnesses is a hobo. The man had been taken up on some charge and placed in jail, during the time Hoover was there. After the hobo's release he got into conversation with some railroad men to whom he told things that he alleged Hoover had told him regarding the case. The officials at Bryan, O., where the hobo later appeared, picked him up and sent him back to Van Wert, thinking his testimony on Hoover's admissions might be of value. What his testimony was has not yet been made known.

## The Home Talent

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be more ably represented than by Effie Haines, and the audience was convulsed with laughter at every entrance. Nellie McIntyre, a servant, was characterized by Mabel Weldy in a true professional style. After the play the firemen showed their appreciation for the hard work accomplished by the cast by treating them to an excellent chicken supper at the Artman & Hess cafe, during which, Walt Wemhoff, in behalf of the firemen, delivered an excellent address of thanks.

## MAKE US AN OFFER

On an 8-room house and 2 lots, city water, cistern, chicken park, good barn, on No. 11<sup>th</sup> St. See us quick if you want this property.

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(Advertisement.)

LADIES OR GENTLEMEN—Wishing to make \$2.50 per day at home or \$3.00 per day and expenses traveling. Inquire room 47, Murray hotel before Saturday evening.

FOUND—Ladies' purse; owner inquires at Artman & Hess Cafe, 2413 FARM FOR RENT—Sixty acres in St. Mary's township, with good buildings. For terms inquire of Clyde Rice, mail carrier. 2716

FOR SALE—Four 6-foot nickel show cases. Inquire U. Deininger. 2312

Masonic Calendar for Week Ending February 8.  
Tuesday, February 4—Decatur Lodge, No. 571, F. & A. M., called meeting at 7:30. Work in Master Mason's degree.

Wednesday, February 5—Decatur Chapter, No. 112, R. A. M., regular communication; also rehearsal work. Master degree. Companions take no

FOR SALE—Choice building lot, five squares northwest of court house; plenty of fruit.—Jacob Atz. 2613

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY A BIG INCREASE

Euterpean Club Makes New Rules—Chill Omlor Given a Surprise

## ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Presbyterian Women Will Meet Tuesday Afternoon With Mrs. Beavers.

Monday.  
Poinsettia—Lilah Lachot.  
Tuesday.  
Presbyterian Missionary—Mrs. S. D. Beavers.  
Historical—Mrs. Mary Congleton.  
Wednesday.  
Shakespeare—Mrs. H. R. Moltz.  
Thursday.  
Eureka—Leah Hammond.  
Euterpean—Bertha Heller.  
Ruth Circle—Jessie Magley.

Mrs. S. D. Beavers announces the meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society to be held at her home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when a good attendance is desired.

At the meeting of the Needlecraft club at the home of Jessie Magley Friday evening, Miss Helen Sheets invited the girls to be her guests on St. Valentine's day.

At the meeting of the Christian Ladies' Aid society with Mrs. E. H. Shoemaker Friday afternoon the year's work was outlined and the society divided into four sections for organized work. The chairmen of the sections who will vie with each other in making a success of the labor are: Mrs. Henry Stevens, Mrs. Moncrief, Mrs. French Quinn and Mrs. Olen Baker. The society will hold its annual Easter flower sale this spring, the time and place to be announced later.

The Phi Delta Kappa fraternity will give a box social and dance Monday evening, which promises to be a delightful social.

by Mrs. Arthur Ford last evening for by Mrs. Arthur Ford last evening for her house guests, the Misses Greia Coll and Reba Hoover of Muncie, was a pleasing social affair.

The Euterpean club has adopted some new rules that will be rigidly enforced. One is the imposition of a fine of five cents upon a member for absence or tardiness. Those not at club by 7:45 o'clock are to be marked tardy. Another rule is that those not anticipating attending, must return their topic papers to the leader by 7 o'clock of the evening of the meeting, that they may be assigned to others present and thus not cause a break in the evening's program.

Chill Omlor was given a delightful surprise Friday evening by a number of friends who remembered his birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snyder of Fort Wayne returned to their home Friday evening after being guests at dinner and supper of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gaffer. Mrs. Gaffer, who has been ill four weeks, is able to be up and about the house again.

## NEWS FROM COURT HOUSE.

County Clerk Ferdinand Bleeker, who suffered an injury to his knee when he slipped from a chair on which he was standing to adjust a picture, was unable to be at the office again today, though he is resting easier.

The two weeks' court vacation closed today and next Monday the February term will open. The dockets show a heavy amount of business for disposal.

## SURVEYOR'S OFFICE DAY.

Notice is hereby given that Saturday of each week will be the regular office day for the county surveyor. We will be at the office on that day each week, and will be glad to meet you on any business you may have. PHIL L. MACKLIN, County Surveyor. 2413

## GOOD LOT FOR SALE.

We offer a splendid lot for residence, corner Eighth and Adams streets, Decatur; easy terms, \$50 or \$100 down. Balance to suit purchaser.

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FOR SALE—Choice building lot, five squares northwest of court house; plenty of fruit.—Jacob Atz. 2613

In County's Business Made in Past Seventeen Years—A Comparison.

## MADE ON REQUEST

Of Marion County Auditor by T. H. Baltzell—Interesting Facts.

County Auditor T. H. Baltzell and his office force have been digging up some interesting information to forward upon request to Indianapolis to the Marion county auditor, who is compiling information of this kind from over the entire state. It is a statement showing the comparative amounts of business handled by the auditor in the years 1895 and 1912. The latter year shows a much larger amount. While the purpose was not explained, it is thought it will be used to show that the increase of business is worthy the large raise in salary asked for by the auditors in their proposed bill, to be presented to the legislature.

During the seventeen years' time represented by the two reports, the assessed valuation of the county has raised from \$9,593,485 to \$16,123,915, nearly double the amount it was in 1895. At that time the number of names on the tax duplicate was 7,249; last year the number was 8,861. Whereas the number of items on the tax duplicate in 1895 was 9,902, last year's report shows 13,184. In 1899, a new law regarding the filing of mortgage exemptions was passed, and this caused another increase in the work. Last year 1,312 were filed. In 1895 there were 234 descriptions of transfers and 942 last year. There were only 315 claims filed seventeen years ago, and 4,320 last year. In 1895, 951 warrants were issued; last year, 4160. Where quietus in the number of 195 were issued in 1895, 314 were issued in 1912. The total expenditure of 1895 was \$145,517.37; while in 1912 it totaled \$614,006.18.

The comparative population is interesting. In 1890 the county's population was 20,181; 1900, 22,232; 1910, 21,840. The thirteen county bonds outstanding in 1895 amounted to \$65,000. There were non last year.

There were no gravel road bonds outstanding (1905-7-9-11) whereas there were last year 1951 bonds and 154 macadam roads. The gravel road bonds amount to \$534,466.79. In 1895 there were no gravel road petitions, and last year there were 46. The number of school fund loans then in force was 157; last year, 152.

The number of liquor license applications filed then was 22; last year, 11.

Seventeen years ago only 212 pages of commissioners' record was made; last year's business required 614 typewritten pages.

Seventeen years ago there was no session of the county council, hence no record to make. Last year the council was in session four days and there were twelve pages of record to make.

The board of finance did not meet in 1895, and there was no record. Last year it was in session two days and there were eight pages of record. In 1895 the number of taxing districts and corporations was 15; last year, 16. There were no depositories then, and last year (since the acts of 1907), there were eight, with eight depository accounts.

## "THE THIRD DEGREE."

It is barely possible that the American stage can furnish a rival to Charles Klein, the author of "The Lion and the Mouse," in providing a play with sustained interest running from the rise to the fall of the curtain to such an absorbing degree as he can. This particular virtue has always been a strong feature in Mr. Klein's contributions to dramatic literature. In his latest efforts "The Third Degree," which comes to the Bosse opera house on Wednesday, February 5th, our interest is aroused immediately after the curtain goes up on the first act and is sustained throughout the entire performance. The subject matter of the play is such that it invokes our attention and starts our minds thinking and arouses our best emotions, leaving an impression that is infallible. The production is of unusual magnitude and displays a scenic as well as dramatic art to the greatest advantage.

FOR SALE—Good timothy hay, baled, at 60c per bale; also first-class oats straw at 50c per bale, and also have first-class livery at reasonable prices and prompt service. Ernest Schlickman, 3rd and Monroe streets, phone 182. 2713



RAILROAD STORY.

A sensational railroad story leads the bill for tonight at the Crystal. It is full of rading and excitement. Two engineers try to outclass each other and as the result they wreck their trains. A comedy and a drama is in connection with this:

"THE RIVAL ENGINEERS," Kalem, Railroad Story.  
"BUNNY ALL AT SEA," Vitagraph Comedy.  
"THE WILL OF DESTINY," Melles, Drama.

## The CRYSTAL Theater.

FOR RENT—A 95-acre farm, three miles southeast of Decatur. Inquire of Marv J. Ray, or Jesse Ray, Pleasant Mills, Ind. 2112

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Bosse Opera House

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