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The democratic city primary will be held in Decatur on Tuesday, September 30th. It's not long any more—three weeks from today—but it's a safe bet that there will be enough candidates to make it interesting.

The suggestion by a citizen that sanitary drinking fountains be established on the downtown corners is a progressive idea that deserves support. If the city council prefers not to invest their money, the various societies can do this which means convenience for many.

Tommy Durkin is the new city chairman and he will make things hum. He is built of the right kind of stuff to lead a democratic army to victory and he will do it, backed by a splendid committee of veterans at the same. It will be a fair and open fight in which the democrats will stand on the record of the past eight years.

All amendments to the tariff bill have been agreed to and the new law will be passed today after a long and tedious fight. Now for a currency law that will bring relief to the general public and the western banker and then for an era of prosperity, unequaled in history.

Though the contest in the Maine third district election was supposed to be between the bull moosers and the democrats it turned out to be a fight and a real one, between the republicans and the democrats, the former winning by a small plurality. It is likely that Beveridge's stand caused the bull moosers to flop to the republican ticket. Had the third party showed more strength, the democrats would have had an easy victory.

Our old and cherished friend, the ever-ardent worker of "Mary and the Vine-clad Cottage," has been telling the people of Maine that Secretary Bryan has not read the constitution of Mexico. Otherwise he would not

have demanded that Huerta eliminate himself as candidate for president, as the constitution forbids the candidacy of a provisional president. And yet all that Huerta has to do to qualify himself under the constitution is to resign the provisional presidency prior to the election! This was precisely the contingency that the administration had in mind. Gamboa pointed to the constitution as forbidding the candidacy of Huerta, but this was not enough. Very properly, therefore, the administration insisted on assurances that he would take himself out of the way. We wonder whether our Indiana Sir Galahad has ever read the Mexican constitution. Even if he has he ought to realize that there is more than one way of getting around it. Our friend is never more amusing than when he solemnly assumes the role of statesman. — Indianapolis News.

TO TAKE ENGINEERING.

Clyde Dicer, who began his high school course in Decatur, with the class of 1913, and who was graduated from the Hammond high school this year, will enter the University of Cincinnati, a college of engineering for the five-year course in electrical engineering. Not many would recognize him with his commanding 6 feet and 1 1/4-inch height, but he is still the same lad who began the high school course in Decatur with the class in 1909. He leaves a good position, working for Uncle Sam in Hammond and has had several other good remunerative positions offered him, but has planned to take a college course and feels he cannot let anything deter.

LARGELY ATTENDED.

The funeral of the late Charles Zwick, of the north part of the county, was one of the largest attended in many months. The services were held Monday afternoon from the St. John's Lutheran church, the Rev. H. C. Jaus in charge. His death occurred last Friday after a lingering illness.

TO ATTEND FUNERAL.

Mrs. C. A. Dugan, Mrs. W. A. Lower and Mrs. A. R. Bell left this morning for Fort Wayne to attend the funeral of Mrs. Gert Shober this morning. Mrs. Shober's death occurred early Saturday morning after a week's illness of typhoid.



A regular meeting of the Masonic lodge will be held Tuesday evening. A full attendance is desired.

FOR RENT—Front room over Menig's Billiard Hall. Re-papered and re-painted with steam heat. A. M. Ankner, Mgr.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

W. C. T. U.—Mrs. Robert Case. Thursday.
C. W. B. M.—Mrs. A. D. Artman. Baptist Aid—Mrs. Ed Whitright. Saturday.
Pres. Ladies' Pastry Sale—Gas office.

The Christian Board of Missions will have an interesting study Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. D. Artman, under the leadership of Mrs. Minnie Daniels, when "The Need of Evangelists" will be taken up. Rev. Benjamin Borton will give a talk on "The Joy of Preaching," and the subject of the round table discussion will be "Preaching by the Daily Life."

Mrs. Ben Oppenheim and Mrs. Anna Ray arrived from Coldwater, Ohio, to spend the week with the C. N. Lang family.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Lehrman of Union township entertained a company of relatives and friends at their home Sunday for dinner and supper. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koldewey and daughters, Frieda and Martha, and son, Gerhard; Mr. Mart Welland and Mr. and Mrs. William Welland and daughter, Clara, of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. William Baner and daughter, Edna; William Dan John Baner and sons, Edwin, Oscar and Carl; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steinbaner and sons, Paul and Herbert; Mr. and Mrs. Gust Baner and son, Clarence; Mr. Fred Danler and daughters, Hilda and Luella; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baner and daughter, Elsie; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schamerloh and daughter, Pauline, and son, Mart, from Convoys, Ohio, and Miss Lucy Baker of near Monroeville.

The annual reunion of the Moyer family was held Friday at the home of Mrs. Mary Moyer, residing near Reidsburg. Mrs. Moyer is in feeble health, but enjoyed the day very much. There are only two brothers and two sisters left in the Moyer family and of these George Moyer of Decatur and Mary Smith were unable to be present on account of illness in their families. — Bluffton News.

The wedding of Miss Ruth R. Syphers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Syphers of West Main street and Mr. Clayton M. Billings, head bookkeeper for the D. M. Sears company, took place on Sunday afternoon at their home, 400 Perry avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles H. Ehle, pastor of the South Side Baptist church. Only the immediate relatives were present. The bride and groom have gone directly to house-keeping. The groom was formerly connected with the International Business college—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

With September comes more delightful weather for the social gatherings of the Thimble club which have been few during the summer months. Mrs. Wesley Hoffman entertained the club Monday afternoon with a few other guests, including Mrs. Jesse Helm, Mrs. Don Quinn of Chicago, Miss Jean Butler and Mrs. Hoffman's house guest, Mrs. Omar Fanning of Streator, Ill.

PASS FREE SUGAR.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Worn out with the session last night which lasted until 1:27 this morning, but triumphant over having carried free sugar and free wool, the democratic members returned to their seats at 9 o'clock this morning to take a final vote on the tariff bill at 4 p. m. Before them still remains the income tax rate and a long list of other items which various republicans are determined to take a stand against. Free wheat was sustained, as was also the amendment for transferring cattle to the free list.

WAS ACQUITTED.

Cortecook, Quebec, Sept. 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—W. T. Jerome, following his acquittal on the gambling charge, was motoring back to New York today. He will be in Montreal Monday when the Thaw habeas corpus writ comes up. Immigration officials in charge of Thaw said that they had received no word as to when Thaw would be taken to Montreal and it is thought he will be kept here until Sunday. Rodgers, the chauffeur, will be tried tomorrow on the charge of entering Canada by stealth.

F. V. Mills, the grocer, was a Fort Wayne business visitor today.

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THE COURT NEWS

Mrs. Jennie Kirkwood Given Divorce from Lewis Kirkwood Today.

CUSTODY OF CHILD

Given to Grandfather—Resolution on Death of A. P. Beatty Reported.

Mrs. Jennie Kirkwood was granted a divorce this morning from Lewis Kirkwood. The custody of the child, Garnett, was given to its grandfather, William Kirkwood, until the further order of the court and the mother is to have the privilege of visiting the child and having it in her possession at its home at all reasonable times. The costs of the case are adjudged against the plaintiff. The parties live near Linn Grove.

The report of the committee on resolutions touching the death of the Honorable Amos P. Beatty, was made this morning to court; also the resolutions of the Jay county bar were ordered recorded in the order book of the court on a page separately dedicated for this purpose.

Hooper & Lenhart, attorneys for Malissa Brown, have filed a new suit for the partition of real estate against Beatrice V. Barto et al.

A new quiet title case was filed by Attorney C. L. Walters and is entitled Harlo Mann et al. vs. Joseph Madlone et al. Notice of non-residence of several was filed and summons issued to the sheriff of Wells county for Vincent and Nettie Pease; to Grant county sheriff for John M. Blossom, and to Allen county sheriff for Edith Brown and her husband, returnable November 17.

Peterson & Moran filed a new partition case entitled Wm. A. Wells, administrator, vs. Wm. F. Wilson et al.

Notice of the election of G. T. Burk, trustee of the Christian church for three years, was filed with Recorder Andrew Welfley by Church Clerk G. C. Steele.

TO CONFERENCE

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J. E. Grimes, of North Manchester, is the conference superintendent and will have general supervision.

Among the propositions that will be presented will be the merging of the three conferences of the state into one. Bishop Fout, we understand will move from Dayton to Indianapolis.

The other question will be the merging of the Methodist Episcopal church and the U. B. church. This has been under discussion for some time and is now being voted on by all the conferences.

A Short Session

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sessions to the city treasurer.

A resolution adopting the assessment roll as final was passed and adopted.

Myers & Richard presented the city council with a report as to the completion of one-third of the reservoir and asking that \$800 be allowed them. The report was not drawn up in legal form and Amos Gillis, superintendent of the construction of the reservoir, was summoned to the council chambers and it was arranged in legal shape. A motion was then made to accept the report and that the contractors should be allowed \$800.

The session then adjourned until the next regular meeting night, which will be Tuesday, September 11.

PRESBYTERIAN ENDEAVORS

Postpone Business Meeting to Next Tuesday.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church will be postponed from this evening to next Tuesday evening, September 16. The society will at that time meet at the home of Misses Stella and Olive Perkins on Mercer avenue. The Christian Endeavorers are asked to bear this announcement in mind.

Miss Marie Connell left yesterday for Monroe, Mich., to resume her studies in the Sacred Heart academy.

J. G. Newlon left this afternoon for Portland after attending to business matters in the city.

Attack Rubbish

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Day, and in some cases, undoubtedly, cities will arrange it so that their street cleaning equipment and employees can be used in hauling away trash that is collected and deposited in streets and alleys by householders on Fire Prevention Day.

Vocational Education

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quired that domestic science be taught to the girls of the first year of high school and of the seventh and eighth grades. This will include cooking, two days in the week; sewing, two days; and household arts, one day. In cooking there will be a text book recitation one day and a demonstration one day. Under household arts will come the teaching of decorative work in the home, color schemes, sanitation, home hygiene, home nursing, and similar subjects. This will necessitate the renting of a room some place in town for the domestic science and a new teacher will also be required, who has a college education and has specialized in domestic science. It is said that there is already one applicant for the position.

It is also required that manual training be taught the seventh and eighth grade boys, of which the Decatur schools have about ninety. Each boy is to be given two periods a week for bench work and the actual making of some thing. Superintendent Spaulding and E. S. Christen will probably have charge of this. Superintendent Spaulding having already taught the same, having installed manual training in the schools at Winamac, where he was superintendent before coming to Decatur.

It is the purpose to move the science room from the basement to the room vacated by Miss Peterson, whose grade was assigned to the library building. The manual training work will be given over to the basement room vacated by the science department.

About the Commission.

While in Indianapolis, Superintendent Spaulding also went over the points at issue concerning the re-commissioning of the Decatur high school. There is a feeling of certainty that the commission will be reissued as soon as the plans for the installing of the vocational department have been perfected and in good running order, and as soon as Mr. Neal, the state inspector, visits the schools, which will be in about four weeks. Work on the perfecting of the plans, if adopted by the board tonight, will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

One main objection to the reissuing of the high school commission was the science room in the basement, and also the lack of recitation rooms. With the removal of a primary grade to the library and the science room moved to that vacated by the primary grade, these objections are removed. The question of the sanitation of the closets at the library, where two primary grades are housed, was removed by the building of sanitary closets at the rear of the building. The board will also take steps to install bubble fountains at the library for the two grades. It is thought by those conversant with the facts, that there is little question but that the Decatur high school will soon be reinstated among the commissioned schools, with the perfecting of the aforesaid plans.

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Plans.	School Notes.	ed.
Steps will soon be taken for the re-organization of the staff for the publication of the high school paper, known heretofore as "The Booster." It is thought the name will be changed.		Basket ball teams are being reorganized and athletic sports are coming forward. The school board is planning to get two new typewriters for the commercial room.

BUGGY SALE

Saturday, September 13.

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