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These dandy bright spring days ought to give you the right amount of energy and go ahead and do something feeling. There are many improvements that could be made in Decatur that would help much. When shall we?

The Terre Haute trial is in progress before Judge Anderson of the federal court at Indianapolis. Frank C. Dailey, district attorney is starting into the big case in a way that proves that he knows what he is doing and that he will not have to guess at any time, though the fellows on the other side of the rail may be "guessing some."

The legislature is over and the democrats have made a record for economy that will some time be appreciated. They have also passed a number of good and important laws and succeeded in killing off the dangerous ones. A few bills that we believed should have been passed also got lost in the shuffle and were defeated but in every instance the majority members of the house and senate showed careful thought and an endeavor to follow the wishes of their constituency.

The movement to establish an adequate presidential primary system is not dead after all, it seems. President Wilson recommended that the subject be considered by congress more than a year ago. The recommendation was never acted on. Other more pressing matters occupied the attention. Now it is announced that a sub-committee of the senate committee on elections, Senator Promerene chairman, is preparing to draw up a primary measure for introduction into the next congress as soon as it convenes in December. The bill will be drawn in accordance with the president's ideas and will appear on the floor as an administration proposal. It is presumed that the framers of the bill will not attempt to make it apply to the presidential election of 1916. It would be well into that year before the measure could be adopted, and the forces to participate in that contest will be pretty definitely lined up. Confusion rather than any advantage would result from an attempt to control the nominations of that year through the agency of the new act: Yet in a very large sense the nominees for president in 1916 will be dictated by primaries. Most of the states have laws governing the selection of delegates to the national nominating conventions. They are of various types, but in the main they take out of the control of political organization the choice of those who are to name the party standard bearers. Particularly in reference to the republican convention has the situation been radically changed since the historic gathering in Chicago in 1912. It will be a difficult bit of legislation to frame satisfactorily, but the aim will scarcely be challenged. Democrats and progressives demanded such a primary law in their last national platforms. It is entirely probable that, had so

many unexpected problems not thrust themselves upon the recent congress, this legislation would have been discussed, if not enacted, before now. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

Thursday.
Walther League—School House.
Business Women's Luncheon—K. or P. Home.
Friday.
Zion Lutheran Ladies' Aid.
Saturday.
Helping Hand Pastry Sale—Gas Office.

So many Gods, so many creeds,
So many paths that wind and
wind,
When just the art of being
kind,
Is all this sad world needs.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The Walther League is planning to have a social affair Thursday evening in honor of their new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Hinz.

The Zion's Lutheran Ladies' Aid will have an all-day meeting Friday that promises to be very pleasant and profitable.

The ladies who are busy with the tabernacle services will be pleased to hear that the Helping Hand society of the German Reformed church will conduct another pastry sale Saturday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock at the gas office. They will have home-made noodles, baked beans, potato-salad, pies, cakes, cookies, cracker-jack, doughnuts, bread and many other good things.

GAVE PUPILS SOUND SERMON

A Boston high school principal gave his pupils the following sound "sermon".

Principal Jackson, in the Lynn English High School, gave more than 1,000 girl and boy pupils an hour's scolding for "cigaret smoking, immorality and immodesty."

He said the school committee had complained and that wholesale expulsions probably would result.

"In my day," said Principal Jackson, "one girl was enough for one boy. Yesterday I saw a boy of this school walking between two girls, each dressed like a fashion plate, and he puffing a cigar. It appears that most of the boys at this school smoke. Now, young girls are as much to blame for this as boys. You allow the boys to walk around with you puffing at cigarettes when you ought to consider that every puff is an insult."

"You girls are too immodest. I know you are calling up the boys on the telephone, afternoons and making "dates" for the evening. That has got to be stopped, too."

If this smoking and flirting and improper conduct generally is not stopped, punishment will be meted out."

BOOST FOR HERMAN CONTER.

One of the specific appropriations included in the bill which was passed in the legislature the last night of the session was one which gives to Mr. H. L. Conter of this city the title of state registrar in the automobile department, and pays him for that service \$100 per month. This is in addition to his \$3600 per year. His friends are glad for his success, realizing that he is earning the honor and the financial renumeration which he is now to receive.

FRESH FISH.

Fresh Lake Huron No. 1 Pickers, 18c lb., cleaned, ready to fry.

Fresh Lake Huron White Fish, 18c lb., cleaned, ready to fry or bake.

Fresh Lake Huron Herring, 15c lb., boned, ready to fry.

All fish, extra fancy, cleaned and delivered. Telephone No. 70.

593 J. G. SMITH CO.

HELP WANTED — Railway mail clerks, carriers wanted. Life positions, examination May 1. Pay for instructions after you receive position in Chester, N. Y.

TRIAL STARTED**THE COURT NEWS**

Claude Patton is First Witness in Terre Haute Election Conspiracy.

BRANDED HIMSELF

As "Maker of Voters Out of Air"—Just Who Are the Guilty Men?

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 10—(Special to Democrat)—Judge A. B. Anderson today stated that without a doubt a conspiracy had existed in Terre Haute to steal the recent election. "There is no question that there was a conspiracy. The only question is, did this or that defendant take part in this conspiracy, to which eighty-eight men came into this court and plead guilty." The statement came soon after the government began introducing testimony in the trial of Mayor Roberts and twenty-seven other politicians charged with conspiracy to corrupt the election. "The government is going ahead with its allegations without having proved a conspiracy," objected Attorney A. O. Stanley. The court then declared a conspiracy already was proven. "The court now states that a conspiracy has been established between Mayor Roberts, E. E. Talbot, Ed Hower and the witness (Claude Patton)," said Judge Anderson. Talbot was city controller and Heller chief of police. "Is it the custom in federal court to state objections?" asked Stanley. "I am not holding a law school here," Anderson said. "Some one else is paying you. I am not." Mrs. Roberts, sitting close to her husband, spoke excitedly to Stanley and Roberts in low tones. Claude Patton, confessed conspirator, had been testifying to what he said was "crooked work" he had been directed to perform by Mayor Roberts and Holler. Patton branded himself a maker of "voters out of air." He said he had filled out false registration applications. He said Holler and Roberts had taught him. Patton said he had received \$100 the night before the election from Morris Walsh, county sealor of weights and measures, and that he used this to buy votes for Richard Wernke, candidate for prosecutor; Dennis Shea, candidate for sheriff, and Eli Redman, candidate for judge. He said he paid as high as \$2 for votes.

London, March 10,—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—The German submarine U-20 was rammed and sunk today by the Ariel, the admiralty announced, the crew surrendered. The U-20 was one of the more powerful of German submarines with a cruising radius of 2,000 miles. She was of the same class as the U-21 which is famous for its exploits. The Ariel is a 780-ton British destroyer assigned to the task of hunting down German submarines. Incensed at the torpedoing of three more British merchant steamers with the loss of 37 lives, the English press today demanded that the British government now carry out its threats and try the crew of the German submarine U-8 as pirates. Twenty-nine officers and men were made prisoners when the submarine was sunk. Dispatches from Amsterdam today carried a claim from Berlin that the U-20 alone had sunk five steamers in the channel before she was destroyed.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILLS.

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 10—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Election frauds were made more hazardous today when Governor Ralston signed the Cleary bill to provide for the preservation of cast and uncast ballots. The beggar trust was hit when he signed the Grubé bill prohibiting impersonation of blind men or deafness for the purpose of obtaining money. Other bills were the VanHorn, providing for the erection of street lamps on petition of property owners; Kolsen, to create a commission to codify the mining laws.

Fraudulent Marriage Case

Began Trial Before Judge and Jury Today.

COWENS VS. COWENS

Several Probate Matters Up --Real Estate Transfers Noted.

A jury trial began today before Judge Smith, being the case of the State on the Relation of Jessie Cowens vs. William F. Cowens, fraudulent marriage. The relatrix states that they were married December 27, 1913, when the defendant was liable to prosecution. They lived together until June 17, 1914, when she said he deserted her and failed to contribute to the support of herself and their child born July 24, 1914. She asks for \$1,000. The jury was impaneled this morning and a portion of the evidence introduced. J. F. Fruchte, prosecuting attorney, and D. B. Erwin are the counsel for the relatrix; C. J. Lutz and Peterson & Moran for the defendant. The case will probably run over into tomorrow.

In the case of Adelbert E. Sparrow vs. the Erie Stone company, in which the plaintiff was recently awarded a verdict for damages, a motion was made by the defendant asking for judgment on the interrogatories, notwithstanding the general verdict.

Samuel H. Teeple, administrator of the estate of Otto O. Judy, was authorized to execute a deed of conveyance to Rachel Ford.

The final report of Peter Soldner, guardian, as to Della Girod, and current report as to Lucinda, were approved by the court. The guardian was discharged as to Della and the trust was continued as to Lucinda.

The current report of C. E. Bittner, guardian of Lena Bittner, was approved and the trust continued.

In the case of Henry Knapp vs. Henry Fell, appearance was entered for the defendant by Peterson & Moran. A money judgment for the plaintiff was entered, but a judgment against the plaintiff on attachment was also made and the goods held by the writ of attachment was ordered turned over to the defendant.

Prior to the establishment of the Blue Creek ditch and the ordering of the improvement, mention of which was made yesterday, Special Judge Hartford ordered the reduction of several assessments following the hearing of remonstrances yesterday. Assessments on Ernst Isch's land were reduced to \$5.50, \$22 and \$16.50, and one was not assessed; William Stepler to \$22; Elizabeth Stepler to \$16.50, and one piece of land not assessed; Simon Smith to \$22 and \$22; Joseph L. Sipe, reduced \$4. Surveyor Phil Macklin was ordered to proceed with the improvement and his bond fixed at \$25,000. The report of the drainage commissioners was ordered spread of record.

Clarence Holthouse, against whom a judgment and sentence were fixed, and suspension thereof given, was discharged, the term having expired and the conditions thereof being fulfilled.

Real estate transfers: Catherine and Frank Maley to Frederick Mutschler, 50 acres, Root tp., \$5000.

ZEHR GAVE GOND.

Deputy Sheriff L. D. Jacobs was in Jefferson township today, where he arrested David Zehr, against whom a charge of heavy hauling was filed in Squire G. F. Kintz's court. He gave fifty dollars bond and will have his hearing tomorrow.

SNYDER FINED \$1.00.

Joe Snyder was fined \$1.00 and costs by G. F. Kintz, justice of the peace, yesterday afternoon, for assault and battery on Dwight Archer.

Mrs. J. F. Lachot of Fort Wayne is here visiting with her son, Herb, Lachot and wife.

Mrs. Polly Barrone is very low of pneumonia at the home of her son, W. J. Barrone, and will probably not live through the week. Her advanced age is against her. She will be eighty-six years old next April 29. Her son, George Barrone of Monroeville, and her sister and sister-in-law, Lucinda and Sallie Brown, are at her bedside today.

First National Bank

Decatur, Indiana.

Report of the condition of the First National Bank, at Decatur, in the State of Indiana, at the close of business, March 4, 1915:

Resources	\$ 689,935.48
Loans and Discounts	225.01
Overdrafts	50,000.00
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	3,000.00
Other Bonds pledged to secure Postal Savings	500.00
Premium on Bonds used for Circulation	52,664.12
Other Bonds, Securities, etc., owned unpledged (other than stocks), including premiums on same	52,664.12
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$7,200.00
Less Amount Unpaid	4,800.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	14,990.72
Due from approved Reserve Agents in Central Reserve Cities	\$44,272.05
Due from approved Reserve Agents in other Reserve Cities	27,205.64
Due from Banks and Bankers (other than included in 12 or 13)	69,339.66
Outside checks and other cash items; \$152.59; fractional currency, nickels and cents, \$326.46	479.05
Checks on Banks in the same City or Town as reporting Bank	1,291.09
Notes of other National Banks	5,525.00
Lawful money reserve in bank:	
Specie	\$17,118.10
Legal-tender Notes	26,195.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent circulation)	2,455.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	45.00
TOTAL	\$1,015,140.92

Liabilities	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00
Undivided Profits	\$13,468.39
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	6,399.84
Circulating Notes	50,000.00
Less amount on hand and in Treasury for redemption or in transit	900.00
Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 5 or 6)	49,100.00
Demand Deposits:	
Individual deposits subject to check	\$242,276.52
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	504,589.13
Certified Checks	233.05
Cashier's checks outstanding	6,870.00
Postal Savings deposits	1,551.07
Deposits requiring notice of less than 30 days	9,192.91
U. S. Bonds borrowed for which collateral security was furnished	7,500.00
TOTAL	\$1,015,140.92

State of Indiana, County of Adams, ss:
I, C. A. Dugan, Cashier of the above-named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. A. DUGAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of March, 1915.

EARL B. ADAMS,

Notary Public.

DYONIS SCHMIT,

W. A. KUEBLER,

P. W. SMITH,

Directors.

FOUND—Pair of gloves. Owner can have same by calling at the Old Adams County bank. 5513
FOR SALE—Ford roadster. Just like new. Has only been run eight hundred miles. For sale cheap. Inquire at this office. 5613
LOST—On road south of city, a black shawl about three feet square. Finder please return to this office. 5513
WANTED—Experienced bookkeeper and general office girl wants position, effective May first. Best references furnished. Call this office 5613.

BUGGY SEASON

Our complete line of new spring buggies are now set up for your inspection, and we can assure that we have the pick of the season in both style and quality. This line consists of the most popular and highly guaranteed makes in the business, the Old Hickory and the Perry. These buggies come in both rubber and steel tires, open or storm fronts and are positively guaranteed for one year. We also have carriages of the same make.