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We have a proposition from a company which would like to locate its plant here, and ask only free rent for one year and financial assistance for a few thousand dollars. We might land it if we had an organization to go after it. Why not Decatur as well as any place on earth?

Colonel Roosevelt went to Detroit today and told the neighbors of Henry Ford what he thought about him and his peace project, comparing him to the Tories of '76 and the Copperheads of '63, but Henry will continue to make Ford and receive the usual amount of free advertising which may be what he is after more than anything else.

Quit looking backward. Let the dead past bury the dead. Don't talk about the failures of yesterday, but about the hopes of the future and we will get ahead a lot faster and so much easier. It's a simple matter to find fault and to dig up a reason why we can't. What we need are more fellows who smile and keep on smiling. Then we can.

The Indianapolis Star says: "When Mr. Taft was elected to the presidency in 1908 his plurality in New York state was 202,602. Mr. Hughes, who was a candidate for re-election as governor at the same time, had a plurality of 69,462. This seems to account for the lack of popular enthusiasm for him at this time in the state where he is best known." Hughes can never be charged with being a "favorite son" candidate.

Most editors will agree with a Shelbyville pastor who said: "No man that pays two cents for a daily paper can truthfully claim that he is paying in full for all the service that is given him. If we try to enumerate the persons that serve us in the daily papers, we should become bewildered." Neither can one estimate the worth of the service done. In fact, small attention is paid by the public to that angle, but let the newspaper man err, or say something that some one thinks he should not have said—here permit us to introduce the famous mob scene, or something like that. It's all in life, however, and most publishers live to a ripe old age.

Whether or not we have the meeting for the T. & O. C. there should be an organization made here at once and arrangements made to send a dele-

gation to the meeting. It means much to this community to land this railroad. It would be impossible for the line to be built through this county at a cost of a million dollars without making a great improvement in trade conditions to say nothing of the hundreds of benefits that would follow the construction of a new line of railroad, opening new territory. Let's get up on our toes. We need a new spirit in Decatur. So long as we sleep, our laboring men will be moving elsewhere. We can keep them here if we provide for them. This is the best town on earth. Let's keep it that way. A little energy and a little "pep" is what we need.

Decatur needs a chamber of commerce, a board of trade, an organization which will consider a proposition like the T. & O. C. railway, that has on hands some funds with which to proceed without having to organize every time we wish to do something. This need not interfere with anything else and the membership should include everybody interested in the welfare of this community, business men, manufacturers, farmers and every one else. There is not a week that we do not have an opportunity to secure an industry of some kind. Many of these are not what we need or want, but they should be investigated and in many cases small plants could be secured without the expenditure of a very large sum. A cordial welcome, the giving of information and the offer to assist often brings good returns. It is important and this is a dandy good time to do it. Shall we get busy or shall we continue to drag along while other cities are awake and doing things?

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY

### WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.  
Christian Ladies' Penny social—Old laundry building.

Spring Twilight.  
Singing in the rain, robin?  
Rippling out so fast  
All thy flutelike notes, as if  
This singing were thy last!

After sundown, too, robin?  
Though the fields are dim,  
And the trees grow dark and still,  
Dripping from leaf and limb.

Tis heart-broken music,—  
That sweet faltering strain,—  
Like a mingled memory,  
Half ecstasy, half pain.

Surely thus to sing, robin,  
Thou must have in sight  
Beautiful skies behind the shower,  
And dawn beyond the night.

Would thy faith were mine, robin!  
Then, though night were long,  
All its silent hours should melt  
Their sorrow into song.

—Edward Rowland Sill.

Mrs. Minnie Daniels and Miss Mildred Strebe were guests of the Ruth Circle at the home of the Misses Fanchon and Jessie Magley at 1223 West Monroe street last evening. The company numbering sixteen. Little business came before the society. On account of the Christian church having choir practice on Wednesday evening, the Ruth Circle's regular meet-

ing night was changed to Thursday evening. The meeting being every other week. Plans were also formed to give a picture show. During the social, amusements were discussed while some crocheted. After the devotionals, the report of Dorothy Williams, secretary, was read. Light refreshments of tutti-frutti, cake and tea were served.

Another one of the enjoyable class parties of the seniors was given by the Misses Helen Kinzie and Bessie Davis yesterday afternoon from three to five o'clock at the Kinzie home on North Second street. Spring flowers which are at their prettiest now—lilies, spirea and others, beautified the home and made it unusually pretty. Victrola music and songs by Misses Hope Hoffman and Zelma Stevens and others were given. During the afternoon the party was grouped in the front yard where Mrs. O. L. Vance took a picture of the assembly, which will be highly prized in the coming years. George and Lloyd Kinzie, Lee Anna Vance, Dora Davis and Gertrude Kinzie served the refreshments which carried out the class colors of red and white, and included cake, ice cream, tea and coffee and mints. A class party given recently by Celia Andrews and Chalmer Porter was also very pleasing.

The high school colors of purple and gold were manifest in the lilies and golden tulips that formed the decorations at the Al Burd home last evening when Joe Burd entertained his class, the high school seniors. Games were played and there was dancing to excellent music. Refreshments were tempting and included sandwiches, pickles, olives, Waldorf salad, coffee, brick ice cream and nabiscoes. This is one of the several senior parties incident to the closing of school.

The freshman class of the high school had a jolly class party last evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Archbold, their son Dick, being a member of the class. Black and gold are the class colors and they were in evidence everywhere in feathers and streamers, while snow balls were the flowers used. The effect came out very pretty under the skillful hands of the class members who did the decorating. There were guessing contests for amusements and music, and the class colors were prettily carried out in the refreshments, in the chocolate cake and apricot ice. There were thirty-two of the forty class members present, and of the faculty, there were Misses Belle Bat-chelor, Bess Schrock, Betty Boyers, Freda Wemhoff and Prof. M. F. Worthmann.

Pretty, but simple was the birthday party of Miss Mildred, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Brown, at their home in Union township, Wednesday afternoon. The little guests came early and spent a very enjoyable afternoon, playing games indoors and out. The house was made to ring with merry voices, especially when they succeeded in rolling Mildred under the bed. The rooms were fragrant with flowers. Two large bouquets graced each corner of the long table, and the center of the table was resplendent with the white birthday cake with eight twinkling candles, that pleased the eyes of each one. Mildred received several pretty gifts, each with a little verse that she will always remember. Those who enjoyed the day and light refreshments were: Virgilbia Lang, Opal Worden, Tersilla Murphy, Justine Stults, Edna and Agnes Garner, Mildred Brown, Orran Stults, Willie Murphy, Tommie Garner, Albert Brown, Marion, Orlan, Waldo and Raba Brown. All departed at a late hour, wishing Mildred many more such happy birthdays.

Nineteen formed a congenial company for the Philathea class entertained last evening by Mrs. Cal Peterson. Miss Louise Sailor of LaFontaine, who is the guest of Mrs. C. E. Bell was a visitor besides the club members. Instrumental and vocal solos by Messdames C. E. Bell and Cal Peterson and a reading, "The Indifference of Juliet" by Mrs. Sikes preceded the business period. Mention was made of the national convention to be held in Minneapolis in June. Mrs. Paul Sessenguth has invited the class to her home near Preble for the next meeting. Tempting refreshments of apricot sherbet, cake, wafers, coffee and mints were provided.

The May Section of the Evangelical Ladies' Aid society had a delightful social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Baumgartner last evening, a parcel post sale being held in connection with the regular social. A good program was given. Miss Ilo Elzey of Ossian, Ruth Hammell and Little Miss Kern gave good readings; and Mary Farnham and Doris DeVoss gave piano duets that was fine. Refreshments were served. The society made the sum of twelve dollars.

The Limited club closed its regular meetings for the season Monday evening at the F. H. Hubbard home, and

for the closing banquet will be given the ladies by the men, this evening at the Anthony Hotel, Fort Wayne. There are about fourteen and they will go by automobile, leaving here at 5 or 5:30 o'clock.

## MEXICANS SHOT FURMAN ON AMERICAN SOIL

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northwest of Verdun, the war office announced today.

(By Carl W. Ackerman)

Berlin, May 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—There is a feeling here that if a strong neutral such as the United States, undertook to negotiate peace it might succeed.

Diplomatic circles regarded the recent statements of President Poincaré and Sir Edward Grey as the opening gun in an informal discussion of peace, though the expression of all leaders when ranged alongside the German chancellor's recent Reichstag speech, do not appear altogether conciliatory.

No decision has been reached here as to whether any official reply to these statements will be made public by the German government though it is possible this will be done.

Berlin, May 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—That the White Star liner Cyrmic was sunk by an explosion of her boilers and was not torpedoed as reported from London, was the assertion made by a member of her crew who reached Amsterdam according to dispatches received here today.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Hooper & Lenhart, are attorneys for Oscar D. Weldy in a suit against Robert A. and Rachael A. Perkins, to foreclose mortgage, demand \$500.

The case of the Peru Manufacturing Company vs. The Fort Wayne Engineering and Manufacturing Company, has been reset for trial for September 11.

America Kink et al vs. Thomas C. Buckmaster, et al. Separate motion by Della O. Buckmaster and by John Buckmaster administrator, for a new trial.

J. T. Merryman has assumed jurisdiction as special judge in the case of Andrew J. Blowers vs. Isaac N. Teeter. Administrator.

The case of Emma Musselman vs. Roy Carter, Administrator has been reset for September 18.

In the matter of the guardianship of William Jackson, answer in six paragraphs has been filed by Lila Miller to the petition of The Old Adams Co. Bank for order on guardian to pay notes.

Real estate transfers: Charles C. Lose, et al to Thomas J. Smith, part of lot 83, Decatur, \$1350; Jos Gerhard Lose, et al to Thomas J. Smith, et al, lot 89, Decatur, \$625; John T. Lose et al to T. J. Smith, part of lot 83, Decatur, \$250.

A portion of the evidence in the bastardy case of The State on the Relation of Bessie B. Lichtenberger vs. Cleo Jackson was heard. It was found that the relatrix is under the age of twenty-one years, and that suitable provision has been made for the child. The case is therefore dismissed at the defendant's cost. A motion was made to retax costs.

## ABOUT THE SICK.

J. W. Brodbeck of St. Marys township was here for treatment for his eye, in which he got some dust or poison about three weeks ago and which became infected, causing him much suffering.

Miss Nota Strickler called on her grandfather, Barney Everett, who is very ill at the home of his son, Grant Strickler southeast of this city. He is seventy-two years of age and a civil war veteran. He was brought to his son's home from the soldiers home at Marion, and is ill of paralysis, heart trouble and asthma.

## BLUFFTON POSTOFFICE.

(United Press Service)

Washington, D. C., May 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The sundry civil bill, carrying total appropriations of \$127,237,221 was reported to the house today. The bill carries great increases for Panama canal fortifications, for armories and arsenals and barracks in the Hawaiian Islands. Among appropriations made for post-office buildings is one of \$12,500 for Bluffton.

## MADE GOOD SUM.

The seventh and eighth grades have announced that they cleared the sum of \$25.18 from their picture show. Of this, ten dollars was given to the slide fund and the remainder will be devoted to the children's work.

DEMOCRAT WANT ADS PAY BIG



## VACATION IS HERE

A new Norfolk Suit is what your boy will require, the clothes he has been wearing for school are pretty well worn out, and he will need a new suit for Sunday.

It will make things a whole lot easier for you if he wears one of our Xtra-good wear-resisting suits.

They wear longer because they are much better made than ordinary boys' clothing. Every strain point is extra re-inforced. The better making results in giving the garment a more stylish, high-quality appearance. And because of these things they do not require so much patching and sewing-up after the rough wear of the boys.

WE WOULD BE GLAD TO SHOW YOU ANY TIME.

## HOLTHOUSE, SCHULTE & CO.

Good Clothes Sellers for Men and Boys.

## NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

In the Matter of the Opening and Extension of Tonnelle Alley in Outlots 14 and 15 in the Southern Addition to City of Decatur, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that the common council for the City of Decatur, Indiana, did, on the 16th day of May, 1916, adopt the following resolution, to-wit:

Be it resolved by the common council in and for the City of Decatur, Indiana, that it is deemed necessary to open and extend the alley between Mercer avenue and Cleveland street to a uniform width of 12 feet from the southwest corner of lot 82 in Gerard's subdivision to alley running east and west in outlet No. 14 in said city of Decatur, Indiana, by the condemnation and appropriation of sufficient lots and lands for such opening, specifically described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at an iron stake which is 21 1/2 feet south and 152 feet (w. 7 deg. N.) of the northeast corner of outlet No. 14 in the southern addition to the city of Decatur, Indiana, thence running north on a line parallel with and 132 feet distant from the west line of High street 110 feet to an iron stake, thence running north 45 degrees and west 119 feet more or less to a point which is 8 feet northeast of an iron stake at the southeast corner of Zimmerman heirs' subdivision of part of outlets Nos. 15, 16 and 17 in the southern addition of said city, thence running southwest on and along the south line of said addition 12 feet to the southeast corner of inlet No. 875 said addition, thence running south 45 degrees east to a point which is 144 feet distant from the west line of High street, thence running south on a line parallel with and 14 feet distant from said High street to the north line of the alley as now located in said outlet No. 14, thence running on the north line of said alley 12 feet to the place of beginning.

Being a strip of ground 12 feet in width located in outlet No. 14 in the southern addition to the City of Decatur, Indiana.

Also commencing at an iron stake as now located at the southeast corner of Zimmerman heirs' subdivision of part of outlets Nos. 15, 16 and 17 in the southern addition to the City of Decatur, Indiana, thence running northeast on a line with the south line of said addition 6 feet, thence running a northwesterly direction on a line parallel with and 6 feet distant from the east line of said addition 33 feet to the southwest corner of inlet No. 892 in Gerard's subdivision of part of outlets Nos. 15 and 16 in the southern addition to the City of Decatur, Indiana, thence running southwest on a line with the south line of said addition 6 feet, thence running southeast on a line parallel with said Zimmerman heirs' subdivision 33 feet to place of beginning.

Being a strip of ground 6 feet in width and 33 feet in length in outlet No. 15 in the southern addition to the City of Decatur, Indiana, excepting so much of said above described strip of land as has already been dedicated to the public use, all as shown by a plat of such proposed opening, now on file in the office of the city clerk, and such improvement is now ordered.

The property which may be injuriously or beneficially affected by the opening and extension of said alley as above described is known and described as the ground herein proposed to be condemned and appropriated therefor and are all the lots and parcels of land, lying within the following described territory, to-wit:

Commencing at the intersection of High and Mercer streets, thence running south on High street 21 1/2 feet to the alley, thence running west in the center of the alley now located in outlet No. 14 to the line on the east side of the Cleveland street extension, thence running in an easterly direction to Mercer street, thence running in a southeasterly direction on Mercer street to the place of beginning.

The city clerk in and for said city is hereby ordered and directed to give notice to property owners of the passage of this resolution and that the common council will on the 20th day of June, 1916, receive or hear remonstrances from persons interested in or affected by such proceedings.

Witness my hand and the seal of said city this 18th day of May, 1916.

H. M. DEVOS,  
City Clerk.

## WATCH FOR BIG ANNOUNCEMENT FOR BIG CLOSING SALE On All Coats and Suits NIBLICK & COMPANY



## Two Weeks Underwear Special

The newest creation in Nainsook summer Underwear for men is "The Blue Diamond Drop Seat Athletic". The manufacturers of this garment in order to introduce this new garment have made the following arrangements with their dealers in all the U. S. From May 20th. to June 3rd. all Blue Diamond Drop Seat Underwear will sell at the following prices.

The first suit at regular price \$1.00  
The second suit at one-fourth price .25

Or in other words two suits for \$1.25  
These prices apply to Blue Diamond Underwear Only.

## VANCE & HITE

## Are You Married?

Then bring your wife with you when you pick out one of these new Michaels-Stern

She always tells you the truth, doesn't she?

All right. When she sees you in these Michaels-Stern Clothes she will tell you a very pleasant truth.

They're the smartest clothes this town has seen for a long time.

\$15.00 to \$25.00

The Myers-Dailey Company.