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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 Fords 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.

### 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 flute-like 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 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 Strode, were guests of the Ruth Circle at the home of the Misses Fanion and Jessie Magley at 1228 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 meeting.

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-

Nineteen formed a congenial company for the Philathaea 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 Madames 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 Seseugh 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 Eliza of Ossian, Ruth Hammell and Little Miss Kern gave good readings; and Mary Fairman and Doris DeVoss gave piano duets that was fine. Refreshments were served. The society made the sum of twelve dollars.

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.

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 country 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?

The high school colors of purple and gold were manifest in the lilacs 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 festoons 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 Bachelor, 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 will always remember. Those who enjoyed the day and light refreshments were: Virgilia Lang, Opal Worden, Tressila Murphy, Justice Stults, Edna and Agnes Garner, Mildred Brown, Orran Stults, Willie Murphy, Tommie Garner, Albert Kramer, Marion, Orlan, Waldo and Raha Brown. All departed at a late hour, wishing Mildred many more such happy birthdays.

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.

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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 devotional, 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 Kinzle and Bessie Davis yesterday afternoon from three to five o'clock at the Kinzle home on North Second street. Spring flowers which are at their prettiest now—lilacs, 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 Kinzle Lee, Anna Vance, Doris Davis and Gertrude Kinzle 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 closing a banquet will be given for 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 6:30 o'clock.

### MEXICANS SHOT FURMAN ON AMERICAN SOIL

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northwest of Verdin, 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 *Cyrus* 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 \$599.

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 Delia O. Buckmaster and by John Buckmaster administrator, for a new trial.

J. T. Merriman has assumed jurisdiction as special judge in the case of Andrew J. Blowers vs. Isaac N. Teter, 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 Gerard 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.

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### 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 reinforced. 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 Tonawanda Alley in Outlots 14 and 15 in the Southern Addition to the City of Decatur, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that the common council in session at 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 session at the city of Decatur, Indiana, that it is deemed necessary to open and extend the alley between Mercer Avenue and Cleveland street to the southern corner of lot 14 in Gerard's subdivision to alley running east and west in outlet No. 14 in the said city of Decatur, Indiana, by the cutting and opening of sufficient lots and lands for such opening, specifically described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at an iron stake which is 215 1/2 feet south and 152 feet west of the north line of outlet No. 14 in the southern addition to the city of Decatur, Indiana, thence running north on a line parallel with and 144 feet distant from the north line of outlet No. 14 in the southern addition to the city of Decatur, Indiana, thence running south on a line parallel with and 144 feet distant from the south line of outlet No. 14 in the southern addition to the city of Decatur, Indiana, thence running south 45 degrees and west 119 feet more or less to a point which is 119 feet more or less east of an iron stake at the southwest corner of Zimmerman heirs' subdivision of part of outlots Nos. 15, 16 and 17 in the southern addition of said city, thence running north on a line parallel with and 144 feet distant from the north line of said alley to an iron stake, thence running north 45 degrees and west 119 feet more or less to a point which is 119 feet more or less east of an iron stake at the 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