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If you pay before February 15th, your subscription to the Democrat will be the same as heretofore, and you save fifty cents.

The prohibition bill gives you the privilege of having on hand a gallon of whiskey and a supply of beer which ought to wet the average whistle.

After making the statement that unless he found that a majority of the house was against woman's suffrage, he would not report the bill out of his committee, Dick Vesey of Fort Wayne, now declares that he is for the measure and will speak in favor of the law when it reaches the house. The poll taken of the house must have disclosed that a majority oppose the bill for the ladies.

The bill for a new constitution has passed the legislature and is now ready for the governor's signature. The bill was passed against the will of the people of the state who voted strongly against such action two years ago. It means the expenditure of a large sum of money—probably a million or two, and for no particular reason. The present constitution, patterned after that of the United States, has stood the test of

years. If it is broken down now, what is to prevent the legislature every few years ordering a constitutional convention? If this is the big stroke of the Goodrich administration, we fail to see where the republican party will gain.

A bill to amend the automobile license law so that the money will be retained in the county has been introduced in the legislature and because many people do not understand the question fully there is a feeling that this would be an improvement. In this county the automobile tax now brings in about \$10,000 a year which is nearly twice that paid in from this county. The effort to change the law comes from the large cities where more money is paid in than is received in the distribution. The argument is that these from the cities use the roads in the various counties and under the present law they help to keep up the roads, which is right. The law should not be changed, for it means a loss of several thousand dollars each for two-thirds of the counties of the state.

The Herald has discovered that

times are bad and that hundreds of men are out of employment, proving the assertion from the fact that a man stopped at that office and asked for something to eat, claiming he had come from Bluffton, where he could find nothing to do. Of course the fellow made a mistake in going to Bluffton in search of work, but we maintain that the fact he didn't get it is by no means proof of hard times. The fellow who hasn't got a job these days is either too lazy to work or unable to deliver the goods, for in practically every city in the country men can find work and at better prices than were ever known.

For the Herald to make the statement that similar conditions to that

reported from Bluffton exist all over the country shows either a woeful

lack of knowledge or an intentional desire to mislead and they can't get far with either just now.

Germany has declared unrestricted submarine warfare and has served notice that American ships will not be permitted to reach England if the German submarines can prevent it. It is apparently the most serious crisis in the two and one-half years of war and it is feared that this nation will be unable much longer to escape a part in the struggle which has already enveloped so many of the great governments of the world. The food blockade against Germany has hurt and evidently they will strike back now in kind, using every means possible to prevent England from securing food or ammunition from the outside. The results can only be foretold when the campaign scheduled to start today has become history. So far the administration has refused a statement, though it is known the officials recognize the serious problems now before them. While it may be too much to hope the great majority of the citizens of this nation will pray that the apparent break and possible war for our country may yet be avoided through men in charge of the affairs of state.

### COMMITTEE MEETING.

Members of the city democratic committee are hereby notified to meet at the Daily Democrat office at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening, February 3, for the purpose of selecting election inspectors and attending to such other business as may come before the committee.

T. J. DURKIN,  
Chairman.

### Political Announcements

#### FOR MAYOR.

You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for mayor of the city of Decatur, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primary to be held March 6, 1916.

CHARLES W. YAGER.

Please announce my name as a candidate for mayor of the city of Decatur, on the democratic ticket, subject to the decision of the primary election to be held Tuesday, March 6, 1917.

#### FOR CITY TREASURER.

Please announce my name as a candidate for treasurer of the city of Decatur, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primary to be held Tuesday, March 6, 1917.

EDGAR GERBER.

FOR CITY CLERK.

You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for clerk of the city of Decatur, Ind., subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primary election to be held Tuesday, March 6, 1917.

R. G. CHRISTEN.

### DOINGS IN SOCIETY

#### WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

##### Thursday.

Helping Hand—Miss Matilda Sellemeyer.

Catholic Culture Club—Miss Mayne Hartings.

Euterpean Club Guest Night—Masonic Hall.

W. R. C.—G. A. R. Hall.

Le-Nic—Toni Meibers.

Methodist Missionary—Church Parlors.

C. W. B. M.—Mrs. C. R. Weaver.

##### Friday.

Pocahontas Initiation.

Zion Lutheran Aid.

##### A Little Parable.

I made the cross myself, whose weight

Was later laid on me.

This thought is torture as I toil Up life's steep Calvary.

To think mine own hands drove the nails!

I sang a merry song,

And chose the heaviest wood I had.

To build it firm and strong.

If I had guessed—if I had dreamed Its weight was meant for me,

I should have made a lighter cross

To bear up Calvary.

—Anne Reeve Aldrich.

A very pleasant birthday surprise party was given Oliver Fowler of Union township, January 30. Mr. Fowler and wife were invited to the Joseph Crozier home to spend the evening. They were enjoying the time when one of Mr. Fowler's children came in and said Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Knittle were at their home.

Immediately they returned, and were greatly surprised to find almost the entire neighborhood had taken possession of their home. Mr. Fowler was reminded that he was forty-four years old. A very pleasant evening

was spent in connection with a fine luncheon, consisting of pie, cake, candy and pop corn. The guests wished Mr. Fowler many more such occasions. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Crozier, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crozier and son, Earl, and Sherman Rogers, from Kansas, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. Joseph Crozier; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Helm, Mr. and Mrs. James Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Miller and children, Orvis and Marvin; Mr. and Mrs. George Knittle and children, Gregg and Opal; Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Crozier and family, Clarence, Emma and Cloice; Mr. and Mrs. Cleland Brown and children, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Whittenberger and family, Beatrice, Alma, Carl and Harold; Mrs. A. A. Brodbeck and children, Pearl, Chalmer, Bernice and Nellie; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Knittle, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zimmerman and sons, Leo and Robert; Mr. and Mrs. John Helm and sons, Arthur and Kenneth; Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Roth and children, Vilas and Ivan; Mr. and Mrs. Fowler and family, Glen, Clifford, Rollin, Paul and Harold; Vina and Leroy Roth, Cleo Krick, Helen Wherry, Mary Brodbeck and Clinton Stevens.

Contributed.

The Pocahontas council will have initiation Friday evening, when Mrs. Rhoda Mahan, Mrs. Harve Teepee, Mrs. Nora Linn and Miss Alma Brown will be received into the order.

The ladies' Auxiliary of the Eastern Star is planning for a council tea to be given on Washington's birthday, February 22 in the afternoon at the Masonic home. Each lady will bring a neckerchief and cap to wear and a colonial setting will be evidenced with a number of antiques in the decorations and tea service.

Mrs. C. L. Meibers entertained the St. Vincent de Paul society yesterday afternoon. A report from the card party and dance showed the sum of \$31.50 cleared above expenses, the same to be used for charity. The society will henceforth devote time at its meeting to the making of garments for the poor. Mrs. Meibers served a luncheon at four o'clock. Announcement is made that they will give a "five-hundred" party at the K. of C. hall, on Tuesday afternoon, February 29th.

Mrs. Emma Daniels read the paper of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Schafer, on "Robert Browning" for the Shakespeare club at the home of Mrs. P. G. Hooper yesterday afternoon. The paper and sub-topics treated of the author's life, his writings and bits of verse set to music. This was illustrated in a song by Mrs. Kathryn Egly Tyndall, Miss Celia Andrews serving as pianist. Mrs. Dan Sprang will be hostess next Wednesday and Mrs. Tom Reid will have the paper.

The Willing Workers enjoyed a social, with their crocheting and conversation at the home of Mrs. Gehrig. Light refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Walther League will meet next Wednesday evening with Rev. A. W. Hinz.

The I. O. O. F. hall will be the scene of a children's party this evening, all children of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to be entertained.

Worth While Quotation.

Egotists cannot converse; they talk to themselves only.—A. Bronson Alcott.

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will offer at public auction at his residence, 5 miles northeast of Decatur, 8 miles southwest of Monroeville, on the Decatur and Monroeville road, on what is known as the old John Brown farm, on Tuesday, February 13, 1917, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., the following personal property, to-wit: Four Head of Horses: Roan mare, general purpose horse, black mare, 10 years old; bay mare, smooth mouth; roan gelding, 5 years old, farm chunk. Seven Head of Cattle: Roan cow, 7 years old, fresh in March; part Jersey cow, fresh in March; red Durham cow, fresh 1st September; Holstein cow, fresh in June; 3 yearling heifers; 2 Durham and 1 Holstein. Twelve Head of Hogs: Duroc sow, will farrow in April; Duroc sow, to farrow in March; Duroc sow, with pigs by side. Five Geese. Farming implements: Flying Dutchman hay loader, good as new; Milwaukee blader, Deering mower, Oliver riding breaking plow, disc, 2 cultivators, corn planter, double set buggy harness, 2 sets heavy work harness, gasoline stove, incubator. The ladies of Union Chapel will serve dinner.

Terms:—\$5 and under cash; over that amount a credit of 9 months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security. No property removed until settled for. Four per cent off for cash. No interest.

CHARLES BURRELL,  
R. N. Runyon, Auct.  
Chas. Magley, Clerk.

POR RENT—Modern 8-room house, corner High and Grant streets. Phone 8-D. or Andy Zeser. 2316  
LOST—Small pocket book containing ten dollar bill and dollar or two in change. Finder please return to this office and receive reward. Was lost between Miller restaurant and Schafer Hardware store.

# BIG SALE

## A PHENOMINAL COLLAPSE OF PRICES ON FASHIONABLE WINTER APPAREL

Not in many years has such an opportunity as this offered itself to the women of Decatur and vicinity. Right in the midst of the winter season nearly our whole stock of most dependable and stylish woman's and children's winter apparel is offered at less than one half price.

Come early and have the pleasure of picking from the big comprehensive varieties, offering the following:

|                                      |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| \$25.00 to \$40.00 Fashionable Coats | \$14.98 |
| at.....                              |         |
| \$17.50 to \$22.50 Fashionable Coats | \$10.48 |
| at.....                              |         |
| \$10.00 to \$15.00 Fashionable Coats | \$6.48  |
| at.....                              |         |
| 1 Lot of Odd Coats go                | \$2.98  |
| at, each.....                        |         |

### YOUR CHOICE OF ANY OF OUR HANDSOME NEW SKIRTS AT ONE-HALF PRICE

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| Special Lot of Good Skirts, | \$2.98 |
| each.....                   |        |

### ALL FURS, MUFFS AND COLLARS ONE-HALF OFF

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| BIG CUT ON ALL SWEATERS IN STOCK       |        |
| Children's Sweaters, \$1.25.           | \$ .95 |
| go at.....                             |        |
| Children's Sweaters, \$1.50 to \$1.75. | \$1.19 |
| go at.....                             |        |
| Children's Sweaters, \$2.25 to \$2.50. | \$1.79 |
| go at.....                             |        |

### LADIES SWEATERS

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| \$2.25 Ladies' Sweaters           | \$1.98 |
| go at.....                        |        |
| \$2.75 Ladies' Sweaters           | \$2.28 |
| go at.....                        |        |
| \$3.00 to \$3.50 Ladies' Sweaters | \$2.48 |
| go at.....                        |        |
| \$4.00 to \$4.50 Ladies' Sweaters | \$3.48 |
| go at.....                        |        |
| \$5.00 to \$5.50 Ladies' Sweaters | \$4.48 |
| go at.....                        |        |
| \$6.00 to \$6.50 Ladies' Sweaters | \$5.48 |
| go at.....                        |        |

### Children's Cap and Scarf Sets to match

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| go at, set.....                         | 48c |
| Ladies' and Misses' Scarf Sets to match | 72c |

### ALL BLANKETS AND COMFORTS AT REDUCED PRICES

Come early and get the benefit of these real choice bargains, at real bargain prices. Come early and often.

## THE BOSTON STORE

### DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES.

#### TESTING MACHINE HAS ENORMOUS STRENGTH.

Instrument at Dodge Plant Has Lifting Strength of 100,000 Pounds.

Recent Panama canal pictures show an 80,000 pound rock being hoisted on a flat car by a gigantic derrick, establishing a record for lifting dead weight. At the plant of Dodge Brothers, Detroit, is a testing machine that excels this derrick. It is known as the Universal testing machine, and is one of the most important of the many vital instruments of a like nature in the Dodge Brothers physical laboratory. It has a direct capacity of 100,000 pounds. Through lever arms it is capable of exerting almost inestimable power. To make it a trifle more graphic, it may be stated that 100,000,000 pounds come within the range of "in-estimable."

A simple comparison with an ordinary crow-bar may give the imagination a better grasp on weights and figures of such tremendous proportions. With the aid of a crow-bar objects can be raised which would not yield an inch to a direct application of a man's strength. Similarly the huge testing machine, with a direct force of 50 tons, would be able to actually push a concrete pillar in a factory building straight through the roof, provided a suitable fulcrum and lever arrangement could be made.

The machine is used for tension, compression, shear, transmission and sometimes torsion tests, the last three named requiring special fixtures. It will press a steel pin through a gear in a twinkling; it will tie knots in shafts or axles; it will tear a starter chain into two pieces, determining the weakest point and recording at the same time the ex-

act amount of force applied. There are dozens of other equally remarkable things. Among the parts regularly tested by this method, besides the starter chain, are wheels, bolts, front axles, front axle spindles and ball bearings. Despite the great power required of the machine, it is also called upon for numerous extremely delicate operations. For instance, while a pulling force is be-