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The three-mile road repeal law was killed again yesterday in the state senate. As the house held similar services over the unpopular effort to repeal this law which has taken so many Indiana counties out of the mud, it seems that further effort by those so insistent for some reason never made public would be useless.

Paper manufacturers have admitted defeat and American newspaper publishers have won a signal victory, when future ruin for hundreds seemed assured. The manufacturers faced charged of alleged combination in restraint of trade and admitting their guilt have asked for a compromise, which, it is believed, will be granted. The plan worked out is an entirely new one in American business, it is said, and means an end within a short time to the supposed paper shortage with prices that can be met by the publisher. While the news is almost too good to be true, we are sure "hopin' agin hope."

"Anchor in Decatur" is the slogan offered by Mr. Cchurch, the sign man, who proposes to build several electric signs, setting forth the particular advantages for factories and industries to locate in this city. His plan is a good one and deserving of thought by those whose interest it is to better this community. Such signs show a live community and you know and we know that it pays to advertise. We believe the city council should make this progressive step if they can. The electric sign would attract much attention and favorable comment at least and might lead to results that would yield great returns. By all means, let's try it.

Governor Goodrich appeared before the legislature yesterday and told them that if they refused to pass his proposed bills planned to put democrats out and republicans in and extend unheard of power to him, he would go before the voters in the next campaign and tell them all about it. Agreed. If he tells the people about his efforts to repeal the three-mile road law and put the control of the roads in the hands of a commission named by him, if he tells them of his efforts to secure control of the banking and insurance departments, of the arious other boards and departments of state management, he will find that about nine out of ten disagree with him. He has so far failed to convince the people as he has the legislature that his economy measures are anything but single-man

**MEN'S  
ALL WOOL  
MACKINAW  
COATS  
that were  
\$7.50  
now  
\$6.00**

**THE MYERS-DAILEY  
COMPANY**

power measures. Let's put it up to the people.

The Fort Wayne News, undisputed mouthpiece of the republican machine for northeastern Indiana, devotes two columns of space to an effort to prove that Governor Goodrich is a better man than George M. Ray. Has it come to this? Until recently, to be real honest, we hadn't learned that either was a particular star in the Sunday school field and the people of Indiana really don't care a whit which one excels in popularity at home. They are interested, however, in knowing why Mr. Goodrich, as governor, wants absolute control over every board and most of the offices in the state and the more he insists on his plans, the more the people are wondering why he wants such a burden on his shoulders. It would worry a man as big as the News pictures Mr. Goodrich some to have even a portion of the responsibility he asks and sometimes we doubt if the executive is as big as the politicians and partisans press would have us believe.

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY

### WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

#### Monday.

Dance at Moose hall.

#### Wednesday

Birthday Club—Mr. and Mrs. Herb Borroughs.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Card Party—E. of C. Hall.

#### Thursday

Eastern Star, Ladies' Colonial Social—Masonic Home.

#### Friday

Whatever Is—Is Right.

I know as my life grows older,  
And mine eyes have clearer sight—  
That under each rank wrong—some-  
where

There lies the root of Right;  
That each sorrow has a purpose,  
By the sorrowing oft unguessed.  
But as sure as the sun brings morn-  
ing.

Whatever Is—is best.

I know that teach sinful action,  
As sure as the night brings shade,  
Is somewhere, sometime punished.  
Tho' the hour be long delayed.

I know that the soul's aided  
Sometimes by the heart's unrest,  
And to grow means often to suffer—  
But whatever Is—is best.

I know there are no errors,  
In the great eternal plan.  
And all things work together  
For the final good of man.

And I know as my soul speeds on-  
ward.

In its grand Eternal quest,  
I shall say as I look back earthward,  
Whatever Is—is best.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Mrs. Charles Burr gave a fine supper for the fifty-fifth birthday anniversary of Mrs. John Wolford yesterday at her home in Mohrmoor. The guests were Mrs. G. Kurt, Mrs. Ed Johnson and children, Lester and La-  
cie; Mrs. Dan Hill and children; John Chester and Isabelle; Mrs. John Bal-  
lard and daughters, Violet and Eliza-  
beth; Mrs. Martin Lord.

The second annual charity ball will be held at the K. of C. hall under the auspices of the ladies of the St. Vincent de Paul society Wednesday, April 11. The Franklin orchestra of Fort Wayne has already been engaged to furnish the music.

The Zion Lutheran Ladies' Aid society held an all day meeting yesterday at the schoolhouse, when the nimble fingers of the many present, busied themselves with quilting. Mrs. Herman Heuer served the dinner at noon.

Miss Lilia Renner of Fort Wayne and Miss Marie Pingry, of Bryant, who were the guests of the Misses Black and attended the dance last evening, left today for Bryant. Miss Renner will visit there until Monday when she will return here for the closing dance at the Moose hall, Monday evening.

Mrs. John S. Peterson entertained a company of friends at a thimble party and six o'clock dinner yesterday that was a very enjoyable social affair. Guests were Mrs. George Flanders, the Misses Anne and Eliza Carlisle, Mrs. Tom Reid, Mrs. D. M. Hensley, Mrs. Herman Ehinger, Mrs. O. L. Vance and Mrs. R. C. Parrish.

The first annual banquet of the Decatur Rotary club for the members, wives or sweethearts will be given Monday evening at the Masonic hall. After the feast a little entertainment will be given. The event is being looked forward to with much interest by the members and the forecast to-

day is that it will be a very pleasant one.

The card party to be given Tuesday afternoon by the St. Vincent de Paul society at the K. of C. Hall will be one of the closing social affairs before Lent. Fifteen cents will be charged each player. The public is cordially invited.

Marie and Naomi Gass, Frances Mougey, Agnes Costello and Tonk Meibers of this city and Miss Jane Long of Bluffton will form a theater party to see the show at the Palace theater, Fort Wayne, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vail, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Vail entertained last evening at a six o'clock dinner party for Mr. and Mrs. Da nSprang, Mr. and Mrs. John Rice. White roses were the table centerpiece. After the dinner, the company formed a party and attended the revival at the M. E. church.

Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fritzinger, entertained seventeen little friends this afternoon at a George Washington party. The national colors were used in the decorations and the season's symbols and colors were carried out in the menu and the appointments of the table where the luncheon was served after games and music. Little tissue paper caps in the national colors were given out and worn for the march to the table. Place cards were little red hats. The party was especially pleasing to the little folks.

#### TO ATTEND FUNERAL.

Nevin Crowell, of the Democrat party, left this afternoon for Garrett, where he will attend the funeral of his niece, Margaret, three-months-old babe of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith.

#### ELKS TO ENTERTAIN

The Elks will entertain their wives and sweethearts Tuesday evening at a feast. The feast will be served at seven o'clock.

#### FARMS FOR SALE.

in Lagrange, Steuben, DeKalb and Noble counties, Indiana: 80 acres, all black and level land, located 2½ miles from market, all under cultivation; price \$120 per acre; fair buildings.

160 acres located within 3 miles of good market, good land and buildings; \$80 per acre.

40 acres located 2½ miles from Lagrange, fair buildings, all farming land, price \$110 per acre.

If you do not see what you desire, write us. We refer you to Schug, Metter Co., of Berne, or the State Bank of Lagrange.

#### MARTIN & COMPANY.

LaGrange, Indiana.

29t30 By H. A. Austin.

#### A STOCK SALE.

J. O. Parrish, 4 miles west, ½ mile north of Monroe, will hold a public sale of O. I. C. hogs, cattle and horses, on March 8, 1917. Watch this paper for later announcements 17-2-23

FOR RENT—80 acres, good buildings, black land for corn. For grain rent. Possession at once.—Wash Kern Box 99 R. R. 9, Decatur, Ind. 403

## 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.

CHARLES N. CHRISTEN.

#### 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 election to be held Tuesday, March 6, 1917.

J. D. McFARLAND.

#### FOR CITY TREASURER.

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

ROY BAKER.

#### FOR CITY TREASURER.

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

H. S. STEELE.

#### 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.

## PUBLIC SALE.

As I am going to quit farming, I will offer at public auction at my residence, 5 miles southeast of Decatur, and 2 miles west of Pleasant Mills, on what is known as the old Mathewson farm, on Tuesday, February 27, 1917, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., the following personal property, to-wit: Six Head of Horses: Bay horse, 5 years old; sorrel mare, 5 years old; driving mare, 6 years old; black horse, 4 years old; black mare, 3 years old; colt, about 8 months old. Eight Head of Cattle: Four mitch cows, 4 calves. Thirteen Head of Hogs: Poland China male hog, 2 broad sows, will farrow soon; 10 shoats, weighing 50 to 75 lbs. each. Eleven Head of Sheep: Ten head of ewes; 1 Shropshire buck. Two nanny goats. Farming Implements: One handy wagon, one broad tire wagon, wagon bed, hay rack, hog rack, 3 horse hitch, set sump boards, bugay, carriage, Deering mower, Milwaukee mower, Dain hay loader, manure spreader, Oliver gang plow, 2 Oliver walking plows, wood frame, 60 tooth harrow, steel harrow, J. I. Case corn planter, John Deere check row corn planter, land roller, Peoria endgate seeder, clover buncher, cutting box, barrel crude oil, 50 gal. oil tank, 75 gal. hay fountain, hog houses, grindstone, 2 sets work harness, set double driving harness, set single harness. About 200 bu. corn in crib, oats in bin, hay in mow, fodder in field and other articles.

Terms: \$5 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of 9 months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security; 4 per cent off for cash. No goods removed until settled for.

L. A. SPRINGER.

Harry Daniels, Auct.

E. Burt Lenhart, Clerk.

#### PUBLIC SALE.

As I have rented my farm and am going to quit farming, I offer at public auction at my farm, 4 miles east and ½ mile north of Monroe, 6½ miles southeast of Decatur, or 1 mile west and 1½ miles south of Pleasant Mills, known as the old Peltz farm, on Thursday, February 22, 1917, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., the following personal property, to-wit: Six Head of Horses: Good work horse, 10 years old, weight 1250; 2 good work horses, 12 years old, broke single and double, lady broke, weight 1100 and 1200; sorrel horse, coming 6 years old, weight 1250; bay mare in foal, weight 1100, 6 years old; coming yearling mare colt. Sixteen Hogs: Four brood sows, will farrow first of April; Poland China male hog, 11 shoats, weight 50 lbs. Eight Head of Cattle: Yearling steer, 7 heifers, one Jersey yearling one heifer, coming yearling; 5 coming 2 year old Holstein heifers. Farming Implements: Turnbull wagon, good as new; old wagon, broad wagon, spring wagon, new; good set breeching harness, set farm harness, set harness for third horse, set single buggy harness. Keystone gearless hay loader, new; disc drill, Milwaukee mower, hay tedder, new 14-inch Flying Dutchman breaking plow; 14-inch John Deere walking plow, John Deere

gopher, used one year; Sattley cultivator, roller bearing disc, new Ideal grain cleaner and grader, 500 bushels of corn in crib; 6 bushels seed corn, 3 bushels of timothy seed, 6 ton of timothy hay, some straw in mow and other articles too numerous to mention. Lunch served on grounds.

Terms: \$5 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of 9 months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security, bearing 6 per cent interest after maturity; 4 per cent off for cash. No goods removed until settled for.

F. P. HALBERSTADT.

J. N. Burkhead, Auct.

G. W. McManama, Clerk.

FOR SALE—Good two year old colt, Belgium; one Belgium mare spring colt.—Fred Geir, Decatur, Ind., R. R. No. 6.

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#### Democrat Want Ads Pay

## DECATUR'S MAN OF LETTERS CHURCH THE SIGN MAN

AT LEONARD'S TIN SHOP.

## SAVED

Some precious Soul is saved each night at the Methodist Episcopal Church. A great revival of religion is on. All Christian people not engaged in their own church services are urged to join us in reviving God's work in Decatur.

**OUR  
SPRING AND SUMMER  
WOOLENS**

Are now ready for your inspection. In our 500 samples we show all latest novelties and colorings.

**GET MEASURED TODAY FOR THAT NEW EASTER  
SUIT IT IS NOT TO SOON.**

**HOLTHOUSE, SCHULTE & CO.**

Good Clothes Sellers for Men and Boy's.

## To The Voters Of Decatur, Indiana

How did we make a paying investment out of the Waterworks and Electric Light Plants? By the same business management that we used in paying off the city's indebtedness. The councils preceding us had been the head of the plants and hired and discharged all help and superintended their work. As the members of the council only get \$100.00 a year, they did not devote very much of their time in superintending and consequently some of the employees did as little work as possible. We were of the opinion that it was not the duty of the city council to superintend this work, but the council should be the managers, so we took the plant out of politics and put it on the merit system. We put C. U. Dorwin, who was first engineer, as superintendant at the pump and light station, and gave him power to hire and discharge all men used at that part of the plant and to see that each did his duty, and we held him accountable for the proper discharge of all the duties which were to be performed at this station, and when he resigned we promoted the second engineer to his place, and under this arrangement we have never had but one complaint from this part of the plant. Although the city council had a contract, at this time, with the Sunday Creek Coal Company for what coal they needed at the plant, they were not getting much coal from this company as they were indebted for about \$4,000.00 for coal which they had already gotten. We took this up with the coal company at once and made arrangements to pay this bill in a way that was satisfactory to them and they agreed to furnish us all the coal needed. We then made arrangements with the railroad company for the freight on this coal and thereby we got all the coal needed at once and at the best price, and having always lived up to our word, we have been able to buy coal for from five to ten cents cheaper than \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 since it was made. Having put the plant on the right running basis, we then took up the question of increased capacity, and after a year had elapsed, we put in a new engine and electric unit. Then we began arrangements for new boilers, which were installed about a year later. In the meantime we had the superintendant of the electric light plant put the distribution system in proper repairs and solicit new business. A few years later we consolidated the offices of the waterworks and electric light superintendant and where we were paying \$2,100.00 a year we paid \$1,320.00, making a saving of \$780.00 since these offices were together we have saved the city \$3,560.00.

Having better facilities at the