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COUNCIL ANNEXES LAND TO DECATUR

JOE M'FARLAND TENDERS RESIGNATION TO COUNCIL

BECOMES EFFECTIVE APRIL FIRST --- ACCEPTS A POSITION WITH WHITE MOUNTAIN CO. --- MARSHAL AND STREET COMMISSIONER GET RAISE.

Joseph D. McFarland, who has \$38.57; Standard Oil Co., \$52.56; You served as city treasurer since 1914, and Waring Co., \$49.00; P. & H. Sun last evening tendered his resignation pay Co., \$235.11; National Mill & Sup to the common council, it taking effect April first.

Mr. McFarland has already accepted a position as field manager of Thomas, \$39.02; Decatur Lumber Co.

the White Mountain Dairy company \$118.00; G. R. & I. R. R., \$74.55; Fornax and will have charge of the territory Mill Co., \$169.53; Geo. C. Mumma between Decatur and Portland, \$126.60; Water Works pay roll, \$73.10; south, Bluffton on the west and J. D. Bollinger, \$3.15; Lorain Coal Pleasant Mills on the east there be & Dock Co., \$294.32; Wayne Belting from six to eight field men under & Supply Co., \$196.56; Pittsburgh Meter Co., \$24.91; National Meter Co.

Mr. McFarland was elected city \$91.31; Buffalo Meter Co., \$30.02; treasurer in 1913 and assumed office Thomson Meter Co., \$23.31; Thos in January, 1914. He was again reelected, \$32.50; Charles W. Yager, elected in 1917 and started on his \$18.20; Fornax Milling Co., \$137.75; second term January 1st, 1918, and E. L. Carroll & Son, \$3.40; Decatur will have served two years and three Lumier Co., \$12.25; Clark J. Lutz, months on this term when his resig- \$25.00; P. & H. Supply Co., \$15.37; nation becomes effective.

Mr. McFarland has been a very \$145.00; Police pay roll, \$82.50; Street efficient and accomodating city off Commissioner pay roll, \$82.20; San

cial and has at all times considered the best interests of the city in the ton, \$651.02; Wm. B. Burford, \$63.10 discharge of his official duties.

The new position which he accepts is of course more remunerative financially than the city treasurer's office, the office paying only one thousand dollars per year, which Mr. McFarland considered as small compared to the present high cost of living and for that reason he accepts a position in the commercial line.

Mayor Yager, with the approval of the council, will appoint a man to act as treasurer for the unexpired term of Mr. McFarland and it is understood that Mayor Yager has already one or two applicants for the office.

Salaries are Raised

The city council in regular session last evening, upon obtaining an opinion from the state board of accounts, increased the salaries of Marshal

Jeff Reynolds from \$75.00 per month to \$100, and that of City Street Commissioner Thomas Dowling from \$75.00 to \$100.00 per month, the increase dating from March 15, 1920.

City Clerk Dick Christen went to Indianapolis last week and obtained the opinion from the state board that the salaries of these two appointees could be increased during their term of office and before an appropriation was made for the increase. The marshal and street commissioner would have resigned had they not been allowed an increase.

The street and sewer committee was ordered to look after the sidewalks on Maple street and in front of Clark Butcher's property.

Upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Dellingher the council appointed Walter Noah a member of the Decatur fire department, he succeeded Ervin Elzey, who resigned March 1st. Mr. Noah has already started to work and comes under the new scale of wages allowed by the council a few weeks ago.

The clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for the employing of a city contractor for the building of all sidewalks in the city of Decatur. Proposals will be received at the next regular meeting.

Clerk Christen reported that Mr. Erwin had delivered the warranty deed to the city of Decatur for ten lots purchased as a site for the new power plant.

A petition from the General Electric company asking for the right to

build a cement sidewalk on the east side of Ninth street was filed and approved and the street and sewer committee recommended that the petition be granted.

The following bills were allowed and the meeting adjourned:

Schafer Hdw. Co., \$87.57; Lorain Coal & Dock Co., \$429.78; Wayne Belting Co., \$49.92; Bass Foundry Co.,

A FORTUNE IN OIL

Robert Tizron, Formerly of This City, Makes Good Strike in Oil Field

SELLS TWO LEASES

Will Return to Farm Life After Eleven Years in the Great Southwest

A visitor to this office this afternoon was John Tizron, well known house mover, who returned this morning from Tulsa, Okla., where he has spent the past five weeks with the family of his son, Robert. Robert is one of the many who has made a fortune out of the oil business in the Tulsa field. Leaving here eleven years ago he managed to scrap enough money together to take over a lease then being operated on a very small scale. He developed the lease and it was proving a winner, then along came a big oil syndicate and gave him \$206,000 for the lease. Robert then struck another unoperated field and put down three wells this time the big oil concern nab it up at a price considerably more than \$100,000.

When the father arrived in Tulsa five weeks ago the son wanted to go away for a little while, and asked the father to stay there until he returned. He came to this country, and after making several trips over parts of this and adjoining counties, he bought a 78 acre farm near Ossian in Wells county for which he paid the sum of \$19,000 in cash. He returned to his family in Oklahoma and they are arranging to return to the Wells county farm to make their home.

Mr. Tizron states that many such fortunes have been made in a similar manner, and many are keeping at it and making several fortunes. He says the son thinks he has made enough and will now settle down to the simple life among the folks back home.

ON DOMESTIC ISSUES

(United Press Service)

St. Paul, Minn., March 17.---(Special to Daily Democrat)---Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, commander in chief of the federal battle against the high cost of living, admitted here the fight is a hopeless one.

"The government can combat only the subsidiary causes of the high cost of living," Palmer said. "The main burden rests with the people themselves. If people will spend ten per cent less and work ten per cent more prices would drop quickly."

LABOR CANDIDATE LEADS

(United Press Service)

St. Paul, Minn., March 17.---(Special to Daily Democrat)---The presidential campaign must be fought out on the big domestic issues of interest to all the people but prohibition and the peace treaty should not be numbered among those issues in the opinion of William J. Bryan as indicated in an interview here today.

Both parties will put prohibition

plans in their platform and nominate candidates pledged to enforcement of the law," Bryan declared shortly after her arrival. He asserted his appearance in Washington has nothing to do with the peace treaty situation in the senate.

"PRESIDENT" ISSUES STATEMENT

(United Press Service) Washington, March 17.---(Special to Daily Democrat)---Emmanuel de Valera, "president of the Irish republic" today issued the following St. Patrick's day statement:

"Sons and daughters of the Gael, wherever you are today in the name of the motherland, greetings.

"Whatever flag be the flag you guard and cherish, it is consistent with your highest duty to band yourselves together, to use your united strength to help break the chains that bind your mother.

"We are at the spear points of the hosts in political slavery. We can be the shafts of dawn for the despairing and wretched everywhere.

"You can so easily accomplish that which is needed. You have only to have the will, the way is so clear."

(United Press Service) London, Mar. 17.---(Special to Daily Democrat)---A news agency dispatch by way of Copenhagen says the independent, socialist and communists in Berlin have proclaimed a republic and delivered an ultimatum to Dr. von Kapp head of the revolutionary government. Von Kapp replied by establishing martial law, the dispatch said.

The second dispatch quoted a Berlin paper as saying that after the independent socialists and communists had delivered their ultimatum to von Kapp threatening establishment of a soviet republic, von Kapp and von Luttwitz announced their readiness to retire and to hand over authority to Vice-chancellor von Hulser.

Locals Defeat the Bluffton Lads—Many Local Teams Figured in Contests

Grade night at the Athletic hall proved a delightful entertainment for many basket-ball fans of this city.

He grades from the city schools

aving full charge of the gym last evening, five basket-ball games being staged.

The big game of the evening was staged between the Local Eighth grade boys and the Bluffton Eighth grade boys, this being a return game, and of which the local Eighth graders proved the winners, defeating the Bluffton boys in an overtime game by a score of nineteen to fifteen, thus giving the Bluffton in their city several months ago. The game was a thriller throughout, opening up with a dash, the visitors leading at the end of the first half by a score of 9 to 7.

The visitors continued to lead through the second half until the last few minutes of play when the locals tied

the score, making it 15 to 15, and it was necessary to play five minutes overtime for the decision, during which the locals scored two baskets making the score 19 to 15.

In the preliminaries the Crickets

on from the Grasshoppers by a score of 8 to 1, and the Third and Fourth grades of the North Ward defeated the Third and Fourth grades of the South Ward school by a score of 1 to 2.

A large number of fans were present at the games last evening and enjoyed the excitement, every game carrying to a thriller. The program was quite lengthy one and the fans had more fun than their share of basket-ball at that time.

Mayence, Mar. 17.---(Special to Daily Democrat)---Marshal Foch and the allied commanders have decided the allied forces now along the Rhine are sufficient to meet any emergency caused by the German revolution.

Foch has returned to Paris.

REPORTED THAT VON KAPP IS OUT

News Dispatch States That a Republic Has Been Proclaimed

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THREATENED WITH DEFEAT

(United Press Service) Bismarck, N. D., March 17.---(Special to Daily Democrat)---The National Non-Partisan League here was threatened with defeat today for the first time in four years. Blizzards throughout the state yesterday interfered with the rural vote in presidential preference primaries and the urban vote was believed to have been in favor of the republican faction opposed to the league.

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ROOT TOWNSHIP LANDS ARE NOW IN CITY LIMITS

ONE MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE ADDED TO CITY'S VALUATION --- DECATUR WILL BECOME A CITY OF THE FOURTH CLASS AT NEXT ELECTION.

Lands, properties and factories located in Root township having an estimated value of nearly one million dollars were annexed to the city of Decatur last evening by the common council, the report of the street and sewer committee favoring the annexation receiving the unanimous vote of that body.

The tract of land, about a mile in length and a mile or so in width at the extreme north includes the following properties and their valuations:

	Lands	Improvements	Personal
Holland St. Louis Sugar Co.	\$4950.00	\$377,250.00	\$387,493.18
Schafer Saddlery Company	1050.00	6,950.00	21,859.50
Herman Haugh	270.00	730.00	
John D. Myers	810.00	110.00	190.00
James E. and Emily C. Moses	110.00	940.00	
Harve V. Sprague	110.00	840.00	
David W. Summers	730.00	1,260.00	2,020.00
Susan Rex	130.00	1,260.00	
Alice R. Acker	320.00	3,150.00	130.00
Fornax Milling Co.	260.00	1,160.00	2,080.00
Gordon S. Rentschler	1,310.00	7,350.00	
Ezra W. Meibers	4,700.00		
Ezra E. Zimmerman	970.00	1,360.00	
G. R. & I. R. & I. R. estimated 1 mile of track and land			\$45,000.00
G. R. & I. R. & I. R. estimated one half mile side track			4,000.00
Ft. Wayne Decatur Traction Co., estimated one-fourth mile of track			2,500.00
Estimated value of lands and properties			\$878,308.18

This amount of property will be added to the city's present valuation of \$6,563,670.00 making a total of \$7,441,978.18, only a few thousand dollars less than the required seven and one half million dollar valuation to make Decatur a city of the fourth class.

When the city's valuation reaches the required mark it will automatically pass from fifth class to a fourth class city but the present city government will not change until after the 1921 election. When the General Electric company's and the Decatur Castings company's assessment is added to the city's valuation, Decatur will be beyond the seven and one-half million mark, the General Electric company alone having several thousand dollars' worth of machinery, besides their building which is not included in the above valuation.

The question of annexing this land has been before the council for years and has caused a great deal of interest from time to time. Efforts to annex the land a year or so ago were defeated and the matter was not brought up again until a couple of months ago when the city commenced figuring on the building of the new power plant and the raising of the money by bonds.

It was proposed then to annex the land to the corporate limits, but opinion of the council was somewhat divided on the matter and the question was tabled. A few weeks ago the Decatur Industrial association went on record as being against the project, but when Mr. Rentschler of the Decatur Castings company, our newest industry, expressed the desire to be taken into the city limits, the objection was somewhat overcome and the council acted accordingly.

By the annexation the city of Decatur must assume a part of the debt in Root township. Root township now has a debt of about sixty thousand dollars and it is estimated that Decatur will assume about fifteen or sixteen per cent. of this amount which would be between nine and ten thousand dollars.

The factories, property and land owners coming into the city limits will be required to pay the city tax rate which is now two dollars on each one hundred dollars' valuation. The rate in Root township is only ninety cents on the hundred dollars, making quite a difference to the tax-payer. In return the factories and property owners are entitled to every convenience such as fire protection, electrical current, water, etc., at the disposal of the city.

The report of the street and sewer committee favoring the annexation

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BUY AUTH BLOCK

Joseph & Lang, the Well Known Firm, Now Own Jewelry Store Building

EXPECT TO REMODEL

Mr. Auth Will Close Out Stock and Retire — Ill Health is Cause

By a deal consummated Tuesday

the firm of Joseph & Lang, well known confectioners, become owners

of the Paul Auth business block on

Second street next to the Vogelweide

shoe store. The consideration is not

given out at this time by either Mr.

Auth or Messrs