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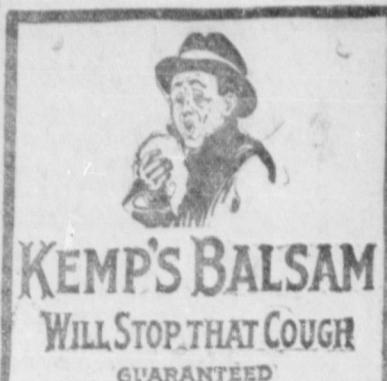
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THE ANNEXATION:

The question of annexing that land and property in Root township to the corporate limits of the city of Decatur was officially decided and acted upon last evening by the common council when that body passed the necessary legislation required for the annexation. For years this question has been before them and only two weeks ago it was decided not to do it for the present, but as the objections were overcome, the final step was taken last night. The annexation will add at least one million dollars worth of property to Decatur's valuation and will in time make Decatur a city of the fourth class, the law being that a city having a valuation of seven and one half million dollars automatically becomes a city of the fourth class. Decatur's present valuation under the new tax law is a little over six and one half million dollars and next year when the annexed property is added to the valuation we will be over the required mark. Those industries and properties now coming into the city limits will be entitled to whatever fire protection, electric current, or water service the city is able to furnish and they in turn will pay the city tax rate. The Holland-St. Louis Sugar Co. will be affected most by the merger as their property is assessed for nearly eight hundred

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thousand dollars and it was in consideration of the promise given to this company when they located their plant in this city that they would not be taken into the corporate limits for at least five years, this being one of the reasons advanced for not annexing the property sooner. This agreement or promise expired a year or two ago and the council therefore considered itself free from any further obligations. Mr. Rentschler of the Decatur Castings company, Decatur's newest industry, stated that he wanted his factory and land to be taken into the city limits and that there would be no objections on the company's part if such a step was taken by the council.

It is the sincere hope of everyone concerned that the council's actions will prove a betterment, both to the city of Decatur and to those industries and property owners affected thereby.

The republicans are up a stump. The two leading candidates for the republican nomination for governor have both taken a swat at the present administration and between them one can read what they would like to say about the Goodrich regime, but of course they dare not do that for fear that it will disrupt the party completely. Fesler who seems to be the choice of the stand paters, has made known his views concerning the campaign issues and it's amusing how these republican candidates have changed their tone they having heard enough criticism from over the state to convince them that their platform is a very unpopular one with the taxpayer and the people in general. The voter will not be fooled this year. The demo-

cratic party stands for the return of home rights and the repeal of the tax and road law and that's what the people want.

Many are wondering what Congressman Fairfield of the twelfth district thinks of his colleague, Albert H. Vestal, of eighth district, who persists in sending vegetable seeds to the newspapers at the expense of the government, the twelfth district congressman having made a speech a few days ago against this practice and told how much it cost the government. Vestal who is not well known in his district, no doubt figures that he is able to get his name in the paper in this way and considers it good advertising. Well one thing is sure if he did not mail out the seeds or write that he was trying to get a canon for the Adams county court house lawn the people would not know that they had a congressman in Washington.

Decatur should have a band this summer. It's going to be a great year for this city, there's going to be business and lots of it. New people are coming here to live and, like you, want to be entertained. It would be a splendid thing to give a concert once a week, have the business houses remain open so the working people and farmers could do their trading and we believe the band concert night would prove a great success. Think it over.

Joseph D. McFarland, who tendered his resignation as city treasurer to the council last evening in order to accept a commercial position that will be more remunerative financially, has been a very efficient and competent official in the interest of the city of Decatur. He has served seven years as city treasurer and has conducted this office in a very business like manner and his many friends regret to see him resign.

General Wood has asked for and has been granted a two month's leave of absence from his military duties in order to be able to travel over the country and further his candidacy for the presidency. It's nice to have a job to fall back on in case you lose on the other, but whether the people will approve of it will be told at the election. What has become of all the republican talk of nominating a business man for president?

The city of Decatur will be able to keep her street commissioner and marshal, the council having increased their salaries last evening in proportion to the high cost of living. It has come to a place where a city or other elective office does not pay a sufficient salary in keeping with the times and when other jobs, less responsible can be secured at greatly increased wages.

PUBLIC THANK OFFERING

The W. M. A. of the United Brethren church will hold a public service Sunday evening, March 21st at 7 o'clock. The meeting is in the interest of the thank offering department. The devotions will be conducted by Mrs. Frank Martz and the program will consist of readings, an exercise by three girls, entitled "Three Boxes." The ladies will give "The Mite Box Convention," which shows the different ways of treating the mite box. Appropriate music will be furnished. No offering is to be taken but the object is to create an interest the thank offering department.

The service will close with a confirmation service conducted by the pastor.

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