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MR. DEININGER PASSES AWAY

Well Known Business Man Answers Last Call at 11:30 Last Night

LIVED HERE 40 YEARS

Confined to Bed Since December—Funeral Saturday Morning at 9:00.

After an illness dating back several months, and having been confined to his bed since December 8th, last, Ulrich Deininger, one of the oldest and best known men of Decatur, passed away at the family home on Madison street, Wednesday evening at 11:30 o'clock. Death was due to dropsy and other complications.

Born in Nuerdingen, Germany, July 12, 1839, Ulrich Deininger came to this country with his parents when he was but fourteen years old. The family stopped at Johnstown, Pa., where they resided for a period of four years, coming at that time to Fort Wayne, where the deceased later engaged in the toy and notion business. January 9, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Bremerkamp of this city. They made their home in Fort Wayne for a year and a half following their marriage and decided to locate in this city where they engaged in the toy and notion business here, later discarding the toy and notion business and taking on a millinery stock which business has been successfully conducted since. Hal Mr. Deininger lived until July 12th he would have been 81 years old.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Deininger, seven of whom with Mrs. Deininger survive. They are: Mary, Adelaide, Mrs. E. H. Kilbourn of Fort Wayne; Fred of Alma, Mich.; Mrs. Bernard Terveer, Leonard, a student of Mt. St. Mary's seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Richard. Three sisters also survive: Mrs. Emma Neuman of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Pauline Klix of Cleveland, N. Y.; and Mrs. Ferdinand Buhler of Utica, N. Y.

Mr. Deininger was a great home man, and most any time for the past several years could be found at the family residence. His devotion to his family and church was great and his life was one worthy of imitating.

For the past several years he gave up the active cares of his business which have been carefully looked after by the wife and daughters. He was always greatly interested in the affairs of his state and nation and during the war of the rebellion he served the stars and stripes that the country might remain united. He fought with credit during the last months of the war. In later years he has been an active member of the G. A. R. and his counsel will be greatly missed by his comrades.

Mr. Deininger was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church and the funeral services will be held from the church Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, the Rev. Father Seimetz officiating. He was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus lodge, the Holy Name and St. Joseph societies of the church.

DR. MORAN IS MANAGER

Plans for the 1920 baseball season were worked out by Portland enthusiasts on Tuesday evening at a meeting called by Robert Antrim at the Commercial association rooms. Dr. M. M. Moran was chosen manager and Clem Wilson, secretary-treasurer. A good team will be procured to represent the city and indications at the outset are that the organization will be well supported. One factory has already volunteered a contribution of \$100 toward support of the team and has consented to employ players who may be brought here from elsewhere, allowing them two half holidays weekly for practice.—Portland Sun.

IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Miss Mae Berling, manager of the H. Berling Produce company, is seriously ill at the St. Joseph hospital at Fort Wayne. She has been in the hospital two weeks, and had been taking treatment prior to that time for an ailment of long standing. For the past several days her fever has been quite high and her heart considerably below normal, making her condition quite serious. Dr. Rosenthal of Fort Wayne is the physician in charge.

Y. W. C. A. DRIVE.

Several new contributions to the Y. W. C. A. drive were received by the Tri Kappa sorority today, they being the Shakespeare club, \$10; Harriet Wertzberger, \$1; Mrs. Walter Beam, \$1; Kirkland township, district No. 3, \$7.40; and the Peterson school, \$2.50. The Tri Kappas wish to announce that the campaign will close Monday, and that they desire all schools to turn in their money as soon as possible. Anybody wishing to contribute to the fund are also requested to send in their check by Monday to Mrs. Albert Sellemyer, as the final report must be made up at this time.

MANY TO ATTEND

Local Phi Delta Kappa's Planning on Attending District Convention

IN LARGE NUMBER

Hold at Bluffton April 11—Everything in Readiness by Bluffton Boys

The local Phi Delta Kappa organization is in receipt of the announcement of the district convention to be held in the city of Bluffton on Sunday, April 11th. The event is considered a big one, and the local chapter is planning on attending one hundred percent strong. The Bluffton Banner has the following to say of the convention:

"Arrangements are being made by the local chapter of the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity for a district convention to be held here on Sunday, April 11th, and if the national office puts the O. K. stamp on the request which has already been presented to them, the local chapter will be hosts to at least two hundred visitors on that day.

There will be a booster meeting Friday evening to make arrangements of the convention here and to select delegates to the Newcastle convention, which will be held next Sunday.

Tentative plans have already been formulated for the housing and entertainment of the visitors, as the local committee feel sure that the national office will sanction the convention.

Many prominent national officers will speak at the afternoon business meeting.

"Old-timers are expected to assist in the convention activities.

Masterson for Vice President
"At the smoker and entertainment in their club rooms Friday night a campaign will be started for Byrd Masterson for vice president of the national organization. The necessary local arrangements will be made at this meeting to take the matter up in definite form at the district meeting in this city April 11th.

"The boys believe they have a good chance to put "Pinky" over and will leave nothing undone to accomplish this result. Mr. Masterson has served the local organization in many capacities and has always made good. As an officer of the organization he has done much to make the local fraternity one of the foremost in the country, and his work as manager of the basketball team is well known. Citizens of all walks of life will hope the boys can secure his election to the national organization."

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS

The Junior-Senior class play of the Kirkland township high school will be given tomorrow evening at the Kirkland high school auditorium. The class has selected the play, "Deacon Dubs," and are prepared to give the people the treat of their lives. The play is in three acts and has a cast of ten characters. Everybody invited. Curtain rises at 8 o'clock. Admission: twenty-five and thirty-five cents.

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The Senior class of the Pleasant Mills high school have also arranged for a class play tomorrow evening, to be given in the Pleasant Mills high school auditorium. The name of the play is "Professor Pepp," and a delightful comedy in three big acts. The cast of characters is made up from the Senior class and those who attend are promised two hours and a half of real entertainment. Admission thirty cents; reserved seats, forty cents. Curtain rises at 7:45 o'clock. Everybody come.

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Rain tonight and Friday; colder.

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WILL MEET FRIDAY

Democratic Committeemen and Candidates Will Meet Friday Morning

AT HEADQUARTERS

County Chairman Henry Heller Calls Meeting—Candidates are Busy

Henry B. Heller, Democratic county chairman, has called a meeting of the Democratic Central committee for Friday morning at ten o'clock to be held at headquarters above this office. The democratic candidates for the county offices who have already declared their intentions of running and also those who are contemplating entering the race are invited to attend the meeting.

A re-organization will be effected and plans made for the coming year. Already a number of democrats have declared themselves as candidates for the various county offices to be elected this fall and they are now busy covering the county. Reports from all sections of the county are more than favorable, the voters being sick and tired of the present republican state administration and the tax law not to say anything about the road law and everyone feels that the old time democratic majority will be "rolled" again in Adams county. Be at the meeting Friday morning. You are invited.

The British government has offered its demobilized women war workers free transportation overseas. Most of them elect to go to Canada.

FAREWELL PARTY

Was Given Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Odell by King's Daughter Class

WEDNESDAY EVENING

At Home of Goldie and Ruth Gay—Class Officers Elected for the Year

A farewell party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Odell by the King's Daughters class of the Methodist church at the home of the Misses Goldie and Ruth Gay on North Second street. About a dozen in all each brought a part of the dinner, which was served at six o'clock cafeteria style, the hostesses adding the finishing touches to it.

Mr. Odell who has been the local agent at the Erie railroad for a number of years has been promoted to the Traffic department at Philadelphia and expects to leave within a few days for the East with his wife and son. During their stay in this city they have made many friends, all of whom regret to see them leave.

Following the dinner the annual election of officers of the King's Daughters class took place, resulting in the following being elected: Miss Laura Stanley, president; Miss Hazel Tumbelson, vice president; Miss Helene Ponner, secretary; Miss Goldie Gay, centenary secretary; Miss Effie Patterson, flower secretary.

SELL HALF INTEREST

Harry and Oscar Meshberger, who have been operating a stone quarry at New Corydon, have sold a half interest in this business to Theodore Baker and William R. Smith, of Chattanooga, Ohio. The new concern will be known as the Wabash Stone Company and will continue dealing in crushed stone and screenings. The deal with the Ohio men has in no way affected the quarry and crusher owned by the Meshbergers at Linn Grove. Both plants are preparing to do a big business this summer and have orders now to keep them running several weeks.

EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED

(United Press Service)
Altoona, Pa., Mar. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Nine persons were hurt, one seriously when the Pennsylvania railroad Keystone Express No. 20, east bound, was wrecked today at Longfellow, near here.

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FIGHT FOR OIL LANDS

(United Press Service)
Washington, Mar. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Officials and legal experts from Texas and Oklahoma were swarming into Washington today, ready for the supreme court fight to decide which state has a right to possession of thousands of acres of valuable oil lands in the Red river valley.

Meanwhile, according to arrivals from the west, Texas is holding the disputed territory by virtue of the rifles of her rangers and there is danger of an armed clash between factions of the two states.

WANT TO KNOW ABOUT TROOPS

Lower House of Congress Passes a Resolution Calling on Wilson to

GIVE THEM THE FACTS

Peace Resolution Comes Up—Humphreys Against a Third Term

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