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Take a look at the store that does not advertise and you'll cast your eyes on a dark and gloomy store room.

The state tax board is evidently unconcerned whether or not the Decatur Public Library remains open. Possibly they figure that the school children can get down the almanac for their research work.

A meeting of the Democratic Central committee will be held Friday morning at headquarters in this city and all members, together with the candidates for the various county offices are urged to attend.

If those garden seeds sent out from Washington by the congressman from the eighth district are to be of any service to the home-gardeners they had better be rollin' in. Surely the sender hasn't got cold feet.

Write to your relatives or any former citizen that you know and invite them to come to Decatur this summer for the Old Home Week and the big Northern Indiana Fair. You'll have a chance to entertain them and they'll enjoy the week.

Kirby Risk has somewhat shown his usual color as a poor loser and his inability to fight his battles alone.



Of all things American people despise a poor loser, and a person who cannot meet his fate with a smile cannot expect to get much consideration from the public. Risk sounds like a barking dog that cannot get over the fence.

Join in the big parade on Saturday, April 10th, and meet the Fort Wayne people who are coming to Decatur to attend the dedication of the General Electric building. Decorate your auto and meet the party at the bridge and show our "city friends" Decatur is glad to welcome them. It's going to be a big day and the event will mark a new beginning for Decatur.

According to census figures sent out from Washington, Warren, Ohio seems to carry the banner so far in making the biggest increase in population the figures showing a gain there of one hundred and forty-four and a fraction of a per cent. Some advance and we're not afraid to bet a new hat that Warren's increase is more than that made by Decatur, but don't worry, watch us grow within the next ten years. We'll pass Fort Wayne?

We are pleased to say that a majority of our merchants and business houses are good advertisers and they will convince you that it pays, but you fellows who haven't had an ad in the paper for six months or longer, get busy and let the people of this community and the newcomers to our city know that they can purchase whatever they need and want in Decatur. That's one way to help make the town grow.

The saying "small but mighty" is applicable to the little state of Delaware.

were that seems to hold the balance of power in determining whether the women will enjoy full suffrage this year. If Delaware passes the amendment the women will have the right to vote for the presidential electors at the coming election and right now interest is centered on this state but press reports say that the legislature will not pass it. Don't say Delaware to the women if such be the case.

If the Decatur Public Library is kept open and it is sincerely hoped that some arrangements can be made to do this, local citizens or the Library Board will be forced to borrow money for the operating expenses. There is no use arguing the advantages derived from a public institution of this kind, suffice to say that it aids in providing a means of education for both the young and old and if the doors are closed for several months during the year it will be sadly missed. It's a poor law which prevents the people from appropriating their own money for the upkeep of an institution of his kind and the voters will demand a change at the coming election.

Dr. Carleton McCulloch, the democratic candidate for governor, is not a candidate of any special interest in the state nor did he enter the race through any coercion on the part of any particular faction or group of men. He stands pledged to serve the taxpayer and the public in general. He is not radical on any issue and believes in safe and sound government, administered in the interest of the people as a whole. Being a successful business man and with an enviable war record besides, he at once gained recognition and obtained the endorsements of leading citizens and democrats in the state. He is worthy of every tribute paid to him and, if nominated, will lead the democratic party to victory this fall and will fight for the interests of the people in general.

In view of the interest in certain parts of this county relative to progress being made in Indiana in consolidation of the rural schools in district schools we print the following editorial from the Indianapolis Star:

"Indiana is making a very creditable record in the improvement of its rural school facilities. The campaign for the consolidation of country schools, launched in 1890 but not well under way until the legislature had passed needed laws seven years later, has resulted in the closing of 3,990 one-room schools in the state and the opening of 1,002 well-equipped and graded school buildings to take the places of the abandoned structures. It is reported that the average cost of the consolidated school building in Indiana is \$20,287. Three hundred of those are in the country, 528 in villages and 135 in larger towns. Manual shop work is provided for in 234 buildings; 331 have home economics laboratories; 231 have agricultural laboratories and forty-nine have separate auditoriums for community gatherings. The average number of teachers at the Indiana consolidated schools is four and one-half. The little red school house had its place in the early history of the country, but its time is rapidly passing. In the nature of such an institution, the one teacher in charge of pupils of all ages and stages of educational progress could

not possibly do justice to the children of the district. The modern consolidated school makes possible grading of the work and the hiring of teachers especially equipped to teach in the various grades. Those who attend the consolidated schools are afforded substantially the same advantages as are provided in the schools of the cities but with such modifications as are adapted to the requirements of residents in rural communities. It marks progress in rural education, in which Indiana takes a leading position. It may not be feasible to do away with all the one-room schools in the state. No doubt there are districts in which, due to physical conditions as to roads, hills and the like, consolidation would be difficult. But in these days of rapid transit and good roads Indiana should approach much nearer than it has to the 100 per cent efficiency that would mark the last practicable degree of consolidation. An excellent beginning has been made but there remains much to be accomplished."

Adams county ranks as the seventy-third county in the state in the progress of rural school consolidation, there being four district schools in the county.

### TO REPRESENT DISTRICT

Donald Badders of the Portland high school will represent this county in the district contest conducted by the State High School Discussion League of Indiana, according to announcement made by Ray K. Brubaker of the Pennville high school, county chairman.

The original plan called for a county contest of representatives from the various high schools in Jay county, but Dunkirk, Redkey, New Mt. Pleasant, Bryant and Pennville are not represented this year because of various

local unfavorable conditions leaving a clear field to Mr. Badders. The question for discussion is "How Shall We Solve the Railroad Problem?" Even though the Cummins bill has become a law, it is generally recognized that there is room for improvement. These discussions are conducted yearly by Indiana University and the work is highly beneficial. — Portland Sun.

### RESTFUL RESULTS FOR MEN

Only a person who has experienced that awful "all night" cough that sometimes follows influenza can appreciate what a good night's sleep can be. Mrs. Anne Davison, 2080 Myrtle street, Long Beach, Cal., writes: "The result of using Foley's Honey and Tar was a restful one for me." Foley's Honey and Tar checks harsh, choking coughs; eases wheezy breathing; stops tickling in throat; covers raw, irritated surfaces with a soothing, healing coating. Sold everywhere.

### IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Doggy Trixie ran away, Bobby's heart was sad, Mabel wailed so much that she Near drove mother mad, Dad then put a "lost" ad in. It worked? Why, man alive! It brought not only Trixie back— But also puppies five! New York Mail.

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