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NO BIDS FOR THE CITY BONDS

Offer of \$75,000 Worth of Bonds Did Not Attract One Bid

UP THE SECOND TIME

Interest Rate Will More Than Likely be Increased—To Erect Tank

Not a single proposal was received by the council last evening for the purchase of the \$75,000 worth of bonds offered for sale by the city of Decatur, the money from which was to be used in commencing the building of the new power plant in this city.

About a month or six weeks ago the same bonds were offered for sale and the Harris Trust and Savings Company of Chicago offered to buy them, paying per and accrued interest for the issue but wanted a fee of \$1620. The council after some consideration and investigation rejected the bid and authorized the clerk to re-advertise their sale. If their bid was accepted and the \$1620.00 fee it would have made the interest rate a little more than seven per cent and it was therefore deemed advisable to reject the bid.

Without the sale of these bonds the council cannot proceed with the building of the new power plant as contemplated but it is thought that some plan can be worked out and the issue made attractive. It was suggested that the interest rate on the bonds be increased from five to six per cent and this feature would more than likely make them salable. In the meantime Mr. Hunting of the General Electric company will submit a proposition to the city council and it is believed that the matter can be worked out very satisfactorily.

To Erect Tank

The matter of erecting a forty or fifty gallon water tank and the proposition of pumping water from the river for the use of John Barnett, the city street sprinkler, was discussed and arrangements practically completed for the erecting of such a tank back of the Fornax Milling Company at the intersection of Madison and First streets and for Mr. Barnett to pay the city of Decatur twenty-five dollars per month for at last six months of the year for the use of the tank and the water pumped. Mr. Mylott, the superintendent of the light and water department, will look after the details of the matter.

OBSERVE HOLY WEEK

Tomorrow is "Maundy" Thursday, the day set aside by the Catholic church as the opening of the Holy Week services. Special services will be conducted in the morning with the balance of the day being spent in adoration. On Good Friday, a black fast will be observed, together with special services in the morning and the making of the three hours during the day in commemoration of the death of Christ on the cross. Special services will be conducted Saturday morning, known as Holy Saturday, which day marks the closing of the Lenten season, drawing to a close Saturday noon.

TO ADOPT NEW CONTRACT

(United Press Service)
New York, March 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Adoption of a new contract between bituminous coal miners and operators before midnight was forecast today.

The sub-committee of the joint scale committee today adopted the tentative contract formulated by a special committee of two, one miner and one operator, and agreed to report it to the meeting of the joint scale committee this afternoon.

The tentative contract as adopted by the sub-committee embraced the terms of the majority report of the president's special soft coal commission without any change.

John Lewis, acting president of the miners, refused to comment on the tentative contract, pointing out that it is subject to revision in the committee of the whole. He expected an agreement, however.

The president of the City Police-men's Union that caused the recent trouble in Boston, has resigned and gone back to his trade of brick-laying.

VETS HOLD MEETING

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Civil, Spanish and World war veterans was held at the G. A. R. hall last evening for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for the Memorial day services to be held in this city. Another meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at the G. A. R. hall when further arrangements will be made.

A BOX OF FRUIT

Mrs. Mary Holthouse of this city received a box of fruit this morning from her daughter, Miss Jessie Holthouse who is visiting with her uncle, Frank Reuland, of Alhambra, Calif., a brother of Mrs. Holthouse. The box contained oranges, lemons and grape fruits, the same being picked by Miss Jessie from the trees in Mr. Reuland's back yard.

THE SERVICE MEN

Warned Against Loss of Discharge Papers—Commander D'Olier Asks

THEY BE RECORDED

May be Very Valuable in Future Years—Instrument Cannot be Duplicated

Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, has issued a warning to all former service men in the legion against the loss of their discharge papers and urging that they be recorded.

The following bulletin has been sent to all state departments and posts of the legion:

"Department adjutants are urged to instruct their department historians on the advisability of all former service men officially recording their discharge papers with the recorder of their county.

"The desirability and importance of every member of the American Legion conforming with this suggestion is evidenced by the many instances in which claims are being made where the discharge papers are either lost or destroyed.

Should Make Inquiries.
"To provide for this emergency," the department historian should make all necessary inquiries and obtain full information incidental to recording them from the office of the county recorder.

"It would be well to bring to bear upon the minds of our comrades, that the official form of discharge is an instrument that man not be duplicated, although it may not be held with any particular pride today, there will come a time with increasing years, when a considerable amount of sentiment will center around the discharge paper.

"In the state of Pennsylvania today, the former service man is granted certain state rights. As time goes on, there will undoubtedly be further concessions made by the several states for the benefit of the men who served in the World War and their dependents in which even, if it is impossible for any reason to produce the original discharge, a means of sufficient evidence would be furnished for the claim through the record in the county recorder's office without either worry or trouble."

ON SECOND READING

(United Press Service)
London, March 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Prime Minister Lloyd George's home rule bill for Ireland passed second reading today. The vote was 348 to 94.

During final debate Sir Edward Carson, Irish unionist leader, said he had been warned by Scotland Yard that six Clan-Na-Gael members had landed from America with the avowed intention of assassinating him.

TO COME UP TOMORROW

(United Press Service)
Dover, Del., Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Efforts to call up the resolution ratifying the woman's suffrage amendment in the house of representatives of the Delaware legislature failed today. Representative Hart, sponsor of the measure, refused to call it for a vote today and the measure went over till tomorrow.

HAVE RETURNED HOME

Mrs. W. A. Kuebler and daughter, Marcella, have returned from Los Angeles where they spent the winter.

IN LODGE CIRCLES

Knights of Pythias Will Have Class of Five Candidates Thursday Night

FORT WAYNE TEAM

Will Do the Work—Masons Will Have Royal Arch Degree—Bluffton Team

There will be something doing in Decatur lodge circles Thursday. The Knights of Pythias are planning on one of the best times of the year, when the Phoenix lodge of Fort Wayne will send its third rank degree team to give the degree to five candidates in the local lodge. The work will start at 7 o'clock sharp. The Fort Wayne lodge has chartered a special car and will leave Fort Wayne about 6 o'clock. The Fort Wayne team is the best in northern Indiana, and they will bring with them many members of the order in Fort Wayne. After the initiation service a banquet will be served in the dining room at the K. of P. home. Visitors are also expected from Monroeville, Tocsin, Berne, Geneva, and Willshire, Ohio.

The Masonic lodge will have a class of about a dozen candidates taking the Royal Arch degree Thursday evening. The Bluffton degree team will confer this degree starting in the afternoon. A banquet will be served at 8 o'clock, and many Masons are expected to be present.

Two hundred and ten thousand women of the British Isles were widowed as a result of the war.

HELP THE NEEDY

Laborers are Needed to Help Clear Away Wreckage in Storm Regions

TEMPORARY PLACES

Will Have to be Constructed for People and Livestock—Lend a Hand

The relief work for those who suffered in Sunday evening's storm was gotten under way this morning by those looking after each section of the county where damage is reported. Mr. Charles Oetting went to the Schroeder and Buttemier homes with three auto loads of men to assist in clearing away the debris and arrange temporary buildings to take care of the families and the stock on these two farms. It seems that labor is needed greater than anything else in all the north sections devastated, and if anyone who can give a day or two to the relief work will report to any business man arrangements will be made to get him to the point where his services are most needed.

In the Berne and Geneva district the labor problem is also the big question. The relief work at Berne is in charge of Thurman A. Gottschalk, and if any will report to him he can place you. There will also be need for clothing in the country east of Berne, but until those in charge make a complete survey there will be no call issued. But as soon as the need is determined Mr. Gottschalk will report to Rev. Saunders here and a call will then be made.

In the district south of Geneva, the people of Geneva, Bryant and Portland are doing a noble work, and so far there has been no call from these places. The call for clothing may be general, however, as it has not yet been fully determined what the needs will be in any section. But the call is for labor. Temporary quarters will have to be supplied for the people and stock, and it remains for the more fortunate brother to lend assistance. Let your own work go a day or two, if you can do it, and go out and help.

INDIANAPOLIS MARKET

(United Press Service)
Indianapolis, Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Hog receipts, 8,000; market 15 to 25 lower; best heavies, \$14.50@15.25; medium mixed, \$15.75@16.10; common choice, \$16.35@16.50; bulk sales, \$15.75@16.50; cattle receipts, 15,000, steady; steers \$11@14; cows and heifers \$8@12; sheep receipts, 500; market steady; tops, \$8.50@10.

AGAIN POSTPONED

The McCrory divorce trial which was to have been held yesterday in the Allen superior court, has again been postponed until April 28th.

MR. KINZLE DOING FINE

Word here this afternoon is that George Kinzle, manager of the Citizens Telephone company, and former county treasurer, is doing nicely at the Hope-Methodist hospital in Fort Wayne. He was able to sit up a short time yesterday and today, and also to take a few steps. The drainage tube has been removed from the wound, and his physician states he is doing remarkably well. This will be good news to his many Decatur friends.

HE WILL NOT RUN

President Wilson is Not Figuring on Making the Race for Third Term

IS IN POOR HEALTH

Favors Sending Unrestricted Delegates to Convention—McAdoo Boom

(United Press Service)
Washington, March 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Wilson's health is such that it will be impossible for him to go through a third presidential fight without danger of another collapse, it was learned today. Democrats in congress who were worrying about Wilson running for a third term now appeared satisfied that he will not do so. Their efforts henceforth will be concentrated on trying to make him admit it so the field will be cleared for the democratic candidates. Wilson is expected to maintain silence and in this way keep his party leadership.

Wilson it is understood favors the sending of unrestricted delegates to the San Francisco convention. W. G. McAdoo's recent declaration in favor of unrestricted delegates was considered a reflection of white house policy in this regard. Under such conditions the president is expected to try to dictate nomination of his choice a man to whom he will delegate the task of carrying on the fight for the league of nations without reservation.

Chicago, March 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—William G. McAdoo was placed in the race for the presidency with the launching of a boom for him by Illinois democrats here today.

The movement to boom the former secretary of the treasury was begun a few days ago by leading democrats of the state and was made known today by Michael Igoe, former assistant.

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KILLED BY STORM

Father and Sister of Mrs. Gallogly Were Killed in Sunday's Cyclone

SOUTHEAST OF BERNE

Geo. M. Ramseyer and Mrs. Simon Riffe Relatives of Decatur Woman

George M. Ramseyer and Mrs. Simon Riffe, killed in Sunday evening's storm, were the father and sister of Mrs. T. M. Gallogly of this city, and this fact was not called to our attention until last evening. Mr. Ramseyer, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Riffe, Chauncey, Ada and Roy Riffe, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Morningstar and three children were in the same house when the storm struck it. Mr. Ramseyer and Mrs. Riffe were killed. Mr. Riffe had his collar bone and two ribs broken, Chauncey, Ada and Roy were painfully injured, while Mrs. Morningstar and three children received minor injuries from flying missiles.

Mr. Ramseyer was 82 years old, and Mrs. Riffe, 52. Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at the Chapel church in the neighborhood southeast of Berne, and north-east of Geneva, and will be a double service. Mrs. Gallogly has been at the home of her father and sister since she received the sad news Monday afternoon.

BEN SIMONS DIES

Third Member of the Simons Family of Monroeville Passed Away

MOTHER WAS KILLED

Sunday—Father Died Early Tuesday Morning—Funeral Service Today

Ben Simons, sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Simons, of Monroeville, injured in Sunday night's storm, died Tuesday afternoon at the hospital in Fort Wayne, making the third death in the Simons family. Mrs. Simons was killed instantly, and the husband and father died early Tuesday morning. Another daughter is still in the hospital, and the outcome of her injuries is still in doubt. Another daughter residing at Churubusco has been ill with the "flu", and has been unable to visit the members of the family at the hospital, but her physician thought she would be able to attend the funeral service this afternoon.

The services for all three victims were held this afternoon from the Monroeville U. B. church, and burial was made at the Valley cemetery in Root township, this county, in the neighborhood where the family formerly resided. They were related to the Lower and Mumma families, and have numerous relatives in this city and county.

Those from here to attend the funeral today were Mrs. J. S. Lower, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lower, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Linn and family and Mrs. Homer Lower of Warren.

HEARING IS HELD

Glen Van Auker of Public Service Commission Heard the Petition of the

CITIZENS' PHONE CO.

Judge Edwards Represented the Petitioner—No Objections Filed

Mr. Glen Van Auker, a member of the Public Service commission of Indiana, this morning at the city hall heard the petition of the Citizens Telephone company of Decatur to increase their rates for telephone service in Decatur and Berne.

Judge C. A. Edwards of Indianapolis formerly of Huntington and a member of the Public Service commission, represented the telephone company and presented their case to Commissioner Van Auker. A number of local business men and patrons of the telephone company were called on to testify as to the merits of the service rendered by the Citizens Phone company and in every case favorable testimony was given. No one objected to the proposed increase, nor was there any faction present who tried to oppose the granting of the increase.

Attorney Leonard of Ft. Wayne was also present at the hearing and the matter of the toll exchange between here and Bluffton was discussed.

The increase asked for by the telephone company is as follows:

Business phones \$ 2.00
Residence, city phones 1.50
Rural phones 1.50

The present rates including the increase granted by the commission last year are:

Business phones \$ 2.50
Residence phones 1.25
Rural phones 1.25

The old rates before the January 1st revision were:

Business houses \$ 2.00
Residence, city 1.00
Rural 1.50

In allowing the increase to the telephone company last year the commission lowered the rate on rural phones.

The findings in the case will be presented to the Public Service commission by Mr. Van Auker and action will be taken in the matter within a short time, it is thought.

REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT

(United Press Service)
Paris, March 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A revolution directed against the allies has broken out throughout all Turkey except Constantinople, a Budapest dispatch quoting the newspaper Pester Lloyd, said today.

NEW COMPANY WILL BUILD THREE HOUSES AT ONCE

ORGANIZATION OF THE DECATUR HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION IS PERFECTED --- TWO SITES ON FIFTH STREET, ONE ON THIRD.

TELLS THE STORY

Sixteen Year Old Helen Fields, Injured in Tornado Near Geneva

HEARD MOTHER CRY

Crawled on Her Knees and Found Other Members of the Family

Cries of her mother and the sobs of a tiny sister, heard through the roar of the wind and the din of crashing buildings, made little 16-year-old Helen Field, lying at the foot of a haystack, where she had fallen, after being tossed through a window of the Field home during Sunday night's tornado, forget personal injuries. The excruciating pain of a severely lacerated and fractured leg were as nothing in the girl's mind in comparison to the sufferings of her mother and seven smaller brothers and sisters.

Lying prostrate late yesterday afternoon at the St. Joseph's hospital, Fort Wayne, the girl told her pitiful story all unmindful that that tale was one of sacrifice and bravery such is seldom told.

"When I woke up after the worst was over, the first thing I heard was mother. She was crying for help—she wanted to know where the baby was and could not find him. I knew what had happened to me. I was standing huddled near the window when the storm struck. I was tossed straight through the glass for a distance of fifty feet and fell at the foot of the haystack. It must have been thirty minutes before I knew anything. Oh, yes, my leg ached and I could hardly see anything, but mother was crying and somewhere I heard the baby. He went to a year old until April. I felt my way to mother and somehow, groping around mostly on my knees, I found three of them. Because I've always had heart trouble I was pretty weak, but I forgot for a little while about myself. The other children and my father were thrown out of reach and I could not hear them. I think one of the little girls is dead—I heard my doctor. But I tried to help them."

And then weary from the terrible strain of recounting the awful experience of the night, the child sank back on the pillow. Only for a second, however, and then again her mind was on the other members of her family. No word of personal suffering was sounded, with the exception of a somewhat doubtful expression of hope that her left eye, which is thought to be permanently injured, would "be all right."

FUNERAL OF LOIS SCHUG

Lois Schug, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Schug of Wyandotte, Michigan, passed away Saturday forenoon, March 27, at the early age of 11 months, 8 days. Her death was caused by complications resulting from measles. The remains of the deceased were brought here last night by Irvin Thone, Mrs. Schug's brother, and funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the home of Phil Schug by Rev. D. O. Wise, Mr. Thone who is an undertaker, had charge of the funeral.

Little Lois was born in Wyandotte, Mich., and had been sick for several weeks. She leaves to mourn her early departure, her parents, and two brothers. The Schug family and Mrs. Schug's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hoffman, drove through from Wyandotte Sunday and arrived here a short time after the storm last night.—Berne Witness.

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The Decatur Home Builders' association, a new company, organized for the purpose of building houses for sale to responsible people, with a cash payment down, and the balance in monthly payments, is now a reality, and work will be started immediately on the construction of new houses, one a site on North Third street, and two on Fifth street. A number of other options have been secured, but these three will in all probability be the first.

At a meeting of the stock subscribers held at the Erwin & Michael office last evening, articles of incorporation were adopted, and a board of directors elected, as follows: Dan N. Erwin, B. J. Smith, E. X. Ehinger, Hugh D. Hite, Chris Boknecht, W. A. Lower and Bert Hunsicker. The directors immediately elected Dan N. Erwin to act as manager and Hugh D. Hite as secretary. A treasurer will be elected as soon as the incorporation papers are received from Indianapolis.

The incorporation of this company and the announcement that building operation will at once be begun will be good news to many residents of this city. There are several living here who have signified their willingness to build or own their own home, but in the past they have not been able to get satisfactory financial assistance to aid them in the start. We don't mean to say that they could not get assistance, but it was necessary for a home builder to have fifty or sixty per cent, of the cost of construction before he could borrow money. The aim of the Decatur Home Builders is to finance any reliable party providing he can pay twenty per cent. of the cost of the property, including the building and lot. The balance will then be paid in monthly payments, and will take care of the interest and leave a snug little sum to apply on the principal. Twice each year the amount paid on the principal will be credited, reducing the amount of interest. You can pay just as much as you like, but there will be a stipulated amount each month.

The association is incorporated at \$50,000, thirty of which will be paid and twenty unpaid. The fact that the best business men in Decatur are behind the organization is proof that it will become one of the best concerns in northern Indiana. Mr. Erwin, the manager, as everyone knows, is the leading real estate man in the county, knows the game from A to Z, and with his experience, and with the advice of his board of directors, there is no reason why this new company should not put Decatur far beyond the expectations of any resident here, so far as the home building is concerned.

Of course, the number of industries, and the kind, has much to do with the growth and prosperity of any town, but we all know that beautiful homes, and well-kept lawns will do as much to advertise a place as her business interests, and if Decatur grows, it must have new homes to take care of the people who come here. We're off now, let everyone hoost.

The men who have taken stock in the Home Builders' association are: Daniel N. Erwin, Benjamin J. Smith, Chris Boknecht, James L. Kocher, Hugh D. Hite, Albert D. Hunsicker, Isadore Bernstein, Felix W. Holt-house, William A. Lower, Carl C. Pumpfrey, Dallas A. Hunsicker, Henry S. Michael, Charles N. Christen, Patrick J. Hyland, Burt Mangold, Mathias Kirsch, Adam J. Smith.

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THE WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight, warmer tonight south portion; Thursday probably local rains.