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### SEASON OPENS FRIDAY NIGHT

Auburn High School vs. Decatur is Headliner at First Game of Year

H. S. BAND WILL PLAY

Auburn Girls and Decatur Girls Also—Monmouth vs. St. Joseph Boys

The opening of the basket ball season in Decatur Friday night promises to bring one of the largest crowds since the new gym was fitted for the playing of the great indoor game in this city.

The headliner for the evening will be the Auburn high school team and the Decatur high school cagers. The Auburn girls will also play the Decatur girls. Last year the girls of the local high school won the state championship, and they expect to maintain the record made during last season. The program will start at 6:45, when the Monmouth boys will play the boys of the St. Joseph school.

To make the program one worthy of the patronage of the public, Mr. Minch, director of the high school band, will have the entire band on the stage during the evening, and a concert will be given. This is the first appearance this year of the high school band, and the musical program will be worth the price of admission. There are twenty-two pieces in the band this year.

The team from Auburn is said to be an especially strong one this year, and are coming with the intention of walking away with the long end of the score. The Auburn girls' team is the only one which defeated the Decatur girls last year, winning by one point.

The Monmouth and St. Joseph lads are pretty evenly matched, and the opener Friday night will undoubtedly keep you on your toes from the moment the whistle blows. Start the season by attending the first game, and it won't be necessary to urge you to attend the second. At the gym at 6:45.

### WILL NAME WILLIS

Columbus, O., Dec. 8—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Governor James M. Cox, of Ohio, defeated democratic candidate for the presidency, today wired President-elect Harding offering to appoint Senator-elect Frank B. Willis to fill the unexpired portion of Harding's term as senator should Harding care to resign immediately.

Marion, O., Dec. 8—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President-elect Harding this afternoon said he would have no statement to make relative to Governor Cox's proposal to resign as senator until he has had an opportunity to talk matters over with Senator-elect Willis.

### THE WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

### THE TOWN CRIER AND MODERN ADVERTISING

In your great-grandfather's time, when a man wanted to make known that he would sell his cow, or that his steed had strayed, he told the Town Crier; and his personage went through the streets clanging his brass bell and bawling at the top of his lungs. Thus he brought good news to the people.

Now, the daily papers cover more space and reach more people than a thousand or even two thousand Town Criers could do.

### REPAIRS ARE MADE

H. F. Linn, contractor, has completed the work of remodeling the exterior of the Elgin King home on South Third street, damaged by fire a month ago and the walls have been replastered, and the work of repainting and decorating the walls will soon be completed and Mr. and Mrs. King will soon be back in their new home after their enforced leave of absence. A new enclosed porch was also added at the rear of the home while the other repairs were being made.

### ELKS WILL EAT MOOSE

The members of the B. P. O. E. of Decatur will enjoy the meeting at eight o'clock tonight when a big roast of Moose meat will be served. There will be initiation and a good time, and every brother will enjoy the affair.

### ORDERED MOVED

Barn at the Jail is Ordered Removed From Adams Street by Council

The "little red barn" which formerly set back of the county jail and which lately was moved to the north and made into a garage for the use of the county highway superintendent's trucks was ordered removed from its new location by the city council last evening, property owners claiming that it had been placed on Adams street.

A motion was made and an order drawn up by City Attorney DeVoss authorizing the city clerk to order Marshal Reynolds to notify Superintendent Jim Hendricks to remove the barn within five days.

Those who objected, said that the barn had been placed on Adams street and as this street runs to the river, the route has been obstructed. Street Commissioner Dowling also stated that Mr. Acker had also objected to the new location of the garage. The barn has already been placed on a foundation and is ready to house the big trucks owned by the county. It formerly sat back of the jail.

### FOR HEAVY HAULING

Milton Hart, truck driver for the Vail truck driver for the Vail Hoop company, was arrested yesterday on a charge of heavy hauling over the public highways. He was fined \$10 and costs by Mayor Yager. The fine and costs, \$22 in all, was paid.

### WORK COMMENDED

The Ministerial Association Adopts Resolution Praising Rev. and Mrs. Stolte

### ALSO ELECTS OFFICERS

For New Year—Rev. Miner is the President and Rev. Haney is the Secretary

At the regular meeting of the Ministerial association on Monday afternoon, Rev. C. J. Miner of the United Brethren church was elected president and Rev. C. L. Haney, of the Evangelical church, secretary. A letter of commendation was sent to Superintendent Worthman of the city schools, praising him for his efforts in behalf of the youth of the city, and pledging him the association's support at any time in his work of moral development. The following resolution concerning the Rev. Stolte, was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Decatur Ministerial association, desire to express our appreciation of our brother, the Rev. L. W. Stolte, who has left the Reformed church of this city to accept a ministerial charge in Dayton, Ohio. As a fellow pastor, Brother Stolte was a brother indeed, both wise and cordial in all our associations together. He proved himself an earnest, able and devoted minister of Christ in all his labors in his own church and community. Mrs. Stolte was a devoted helpmate, who commended herself to all by her ability, and capability by advertising—now.

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### SEWER CONTRACT

Henry Stevens Will Re-build Worthman Sewer—A New Fireman

### TO MEET FRIDAY

Proposal From G. R. & I. to Build Switch Received—Council Doings

Meeting in regular session last evening, the minutes of the previous meetings were read to the council last evening, approved and new business taken up.

Bids on the construction of the Martin Worthman sewer back of the properties on the west side of North Sixth street were opened, Henry Stevens being the only bidder. The contract for the sewer was awarded to him on his bid of \$1,496.00. This sewer is being rebuilt, as within the last few years it has caused considerable trouble to the property owners along the route. It will be lowered and larger tile will be used.

### On Fire Department

Chief Dellinger of the fire department reported that Oscar Sprague had been appointed a member of the volunteer fire department. The council approved the appointment and also concurred in the appointment of Ed Hurst as a member of the regular fire department to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jack Freit. Mr. Hurst has been on the job the past week and was one of the first regular firemen appointed after the fire department moved into the city hall.

Bosse Sewer Completed. Engineer Dick Boch reported the sewer completed.

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### TO HAVE EXHIBIT

Every Branch of Work of City Schools Will Have Space in Interesting

### DISPLAY AT THE FAIR

Next August—Col. Reppert Will Provide a Big Tent to Display the Work

The teachers and pupils of the city schools are to play an important part in the program of the Northern Indiana fair to be held here in August next. It is the desire of the fair association to make the next big show one of educational interest, and to cover a bigger field than the last one in this particular, and the idea came to the management of the fair that a good start would be to interest the Decatur schools.

For some time it has been known that the manual training work, the drawings of students from the very first grade up until the senior year in the high school, the various works of art, both pencil, paint and water color, have been above the average of the state, and it is believed that the display can be made so interesting that it will be the most popular on the fair grounds.

The association has rented a large canvas, 90x120 feet, which will be used entirely by the Decatur city schools. Work from every pupil in the schools will be on display and the teachers in every department is beginning now to get the very best results from all pupils this year. It will be remembered that the manual training display, last spring at the high school had the appearance of a new and modern furniture store, and comment could be heard for several weeks concerning it. The work of the mechanical drawing department also was interesting, and the public looked on in amazement what had been accomplished. The same is true in all branches on the school work, and a few weeks ago when the pupils of the central building from the primary grade to including the eighth grade displayed drawings, paintings, penmanship specimens, etc., the school patrons looked on in amazement at what was being accomplished.

This display at the fair will be entirely in charge of each department to answer any question, or explain any phase of the work to the public.

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### COUNTY ASSESSORS MEET

William Frazier, county assessor, will go to Indianapolis next week where he will attend a meeting of the county assessors of the state. Reports will be made of property added to tax duplicates which the tax payers neglected to give the assessors at the spring enumeration. Recommendations and suggestions will also be made for changes in the tax laws, as the assessors see them. The session will probably last three days.

### CALL MEETING

Section No. 1 of the Ladies' Aid of the U. B. church will have a call meeting at the parsonage Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Every member urged to be present and on time.

MRS. JOHN HILL, Captain.

### PROPOSE A BIG EXPORT CONCERN

Plans Are Under Way for Forming a One Hundred Million Dollar Company

DISPOSE OF PRODUCTS Of the Farmer Through Channels of Immense Export Organization

(United Press Service) Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Plans for the formation of a \$100,000,000 export corporation under the Esch law were announced here today by William P. Booth, of the Guaranty Trust company, of New York, who is on the program of the second national convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The corporation will not be formed especially for the purpose of enabling farmers to dispose of their products, although this will be one of its undertakings. It will handle the exportation of all forms of manufactured products.

Under the Esch law, the corporation could expand to ten times the proposed financial size by issuing securities sufficient to multiply its capital ten times or to \$1,000,000,000.

Preliminary steps in the formation of the organization will be taken at a meeting in Chicago Dec. 11. The farm

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### A NEW TEACHER

Mr. J. O. Briggs of Cleveland, Ohio, New Assistant in City Schools

### WILL TEACH SCIENCE

In High School and Mathematics and Grammar in the Central Building

The Decatur school board a few days ago contracted with Mr. J. O. Briggs of Cleveland, Ohio, to teach science in the high school and mathematics and grammar in the central building, and Mr. Briggs began his work here Tuesday noon.

He is a graduate of Earlham college at Richmond, and has done post graduate work in the Western Reserve college at Cleveland. He was also an assistant teacher in the Cleveland college for some time, and has had three years' experience as an instructor in the public schools.

Mr. Briggs comes very highly recommended to the Decatur school board, and it is believed he will greatly add to the efficiency of the corps of teachers already in the schools of Decatur. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs will take up their residence here at once.



### MOVING TO BERNE

Berne Overall & Shirt Company Consolidating Decatur and Berne Plants

### TO REDUCE OVERHEAD

Slackening Up of Orders is Given as Cause for the Transfer at This Time

The Decatur plant of the Berne Overall and Shirt company will be closed, and the machines and stock of material is now being moved to Berne and consolidated with the plant there, in order to reduce the overhead expense, it being the idea of the company to consolidate as much as possible their branches, and thereby reduce a very big amount of the operating expense of the company.

They have employed about twenty-five girls in the local plant which has been very busy since its location in this city. A few months ago, however, the business slackened up, and this of course necessitated a reduction in operating expenses. At present enough help can be secured in Berne to take care of the orders, and after a time Mr. Hecker, manager of the concern, says they will probably employ any of the former Decatur help that desires to work in Berne.

### CHICAGO MARKET CLOSE

(United Press Service) Chicago, Dec. 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Wheat: Dec. \$1.69; Mar. \$1.67. Corn: Dec. 74¢; May, 76¢; July, 77¢. Oats: Dec. 48¢; May, 52¢; July 51¢.

### TELLS OF HIS VISIT

Hon. Joseph E. Thomas, a Former Decatur Man Was Sent to Mexico City

### FOR INAUGURATION

Of President Obregon by Governor of Arkansas—Writes to B. W. Sholty

Mr. B. W. Sholty of this city has received an interesting letter from Mr. Joseph E. Thomas, a former Decatur man, in which he tells of his recent trip to Mexico City, where he went as the Arkansas representative to the reception given by General Obregon, newly elected president of that republic.

Mr. Thomas lived here many years and for a long time was the salesman for the J. W. Vail Filler company. He is now superintendent of the A. T. Vail plant at Paragould, Ark. He was recently appointed by the governor of Arkansas to represent him at the Mexican reception, a very high honor which he accepted. Nearly every state was represented and the occasion was a very important one and one the representatives will long remember.

The banquet, Mr. Thomas writes, was the most wonderful event of its kind imaginable. The delegates were treated royally and those who had the privilege of being present found many interesting means of entertainment. It is believed the explanations of government under the new head of Mexico will go a long ways towards relieving the tension existing between that country and the United States and Mr. Thomas can no doubt give a splendid report of the meeting. Mr. Harry Hoag of Fort Wayne represented Governor Goodrich at the inauguration.

### DICK BOCH RESIGNS

Dick Boch, county surveyor-elect, tendered his resignation to the common council last evening as city engineer, the same to take effect January 1, 1921, the day on which he will assume his office as county surveyor. Mr. Boch has been an efficient and courteous official and his valuable services will be missed by the city. He has been city engineer the past three years and was appointed to the office by Mayor Charles Yager. As yet no one has been mentioned for the vacancy.

## WOULD NET GOVERNMENT TWO BILLION DOLLARS

RATES ON INCOMES UNDER \$5,000, TOBACCO, CANDY AND THE LIKE WOULD BE BOOSTED---PROPOSES A TAX ON AUTOS AND "GAS."

### HAD SHOP LIFTERS

Two Girls Are Suspected of Taking Two \$15 Purses From Drug Store

Two purses, one a black and the other a brown leather, valued at \$15.00 each were "lifted" from the display counter at the Smith, Yager & Falk drug store yesterday afternoon and the proprietors of the store suspect two girls of doing the job.

At least the purses were not missed until after the young ladies had visited the store and inspected a number of articles on the counter. The purses would make ideal Christmas presents and in view of their value almost any one would be willing to receive one. The proprietors of the drug store have inserted a notice in today's paper to the effect that if the purses are returned or mailed to the store that further publicity or trouble will be avoided. This is the first shop-lifting theft reported in Decatur for some time, but it is near Christmas and some may think that they can get away with it.

### HERE FRIDAY EVENING

Hon. Charles Neizer of Fort Wayne will speak at the K. of C. hall on Friday evening and will tell of his trip to Europe, the dedication of the Lafayette statue at Metz, France, his visit to Pope Benedict at Rome. Mr. Neizer was a member of the Knights of Columbus party that made a trip last summer and he has a most wonderful story to tell. You are invited to hear him.

### WED AT OSSIAN

Miss Ilow Ruth Elzey Becomes the Bride of Mr. Howard William Beatty

### MARRIED LAST NIGHT

Bride's Father, Rev. A. S. Elzey, Performs Ceremony—Live at Ossian

Last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Elzey, in Ossian, was solemnized the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ilow Ruth Elzey, and Mr. Howard William Beatty. The ring ceremony was used in the presence of a number of relatives and friends, by the bride's father, the ring bearer being little Abner Elzey, nephew of the bride. He was dressed in a suit of brown corduroy, wearing white shoes and stockings.

The bride was beautifully attired in a dress of white georgette, and her maid, Miss Gladys Kern, of this city, was gowned in a dress of green organdy, and each carried a bouquet of roses. Bill Linn of this city was best man, and little Margaret Jane Linn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Linn of this city, was flower girl. She wore a dainty little dress of pink organdy and carried a basket of roses. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Hazel Wilson sang, "A Perfect Day," being accompanied on the piano by Miss Clark, of Ossian.

The color scheme of pink and white was carried out in the decorations of the home. Following the wedding a dinner was served the guests, the

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(By Ralph F. Couch, United Press staff correspondent)

Washington, Dec. 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Secretary of the Treasury Houston today asked congress to boost the federal income tax rate two per cent on incomes under \$5,000. Houston at the same time asked that:

Surtaxes be lowered on some incomes over \$5,000.

Corporations made to pay a flat tax of 20 per cent on undivided profits.

Big increases be made in existing consumers taxes on tobaccos, cigars, cigarettes, candy, chewing gum and the like.

Gasoline be taxed two cents per gallon and automobiles 50 cents per horsepower.

Houston's proposals were contained in his annual report presented to Speaker Gillett of the house at noon and are intended to net the government approximately \$2,000,000,000 a year. That part of the report dealing with taxation was intended as a guide to congress in passing new revenue laws to take the place of those enacted during the war period, and which now are failing to produce sufficient revenue for the government, according to the secretary. At least \$12,000,000,000 must be collected during the next three years, Houston declared, if the government is to pay its ordinary expenses, and meet \$7,500,000,000 worth of floating debts and victory notes before May 1, 1923.

Concerning the excess profits tax, repeal of which business men are demanding, Houston wrote:

"The excess profits tax, however, must be replaced, not merely repealed and I believe it should be replaced in large part by some form of corporation profits law."

"The 20 per cent tax on undivided profits of corporations is Houston's proposal for replacement. The corporations now are escaping with a single tax of 10 per cent, he said, while individuals and partners are obliged to pay surtaxes ranging up to 65 and 70 per cent on incomes over \$5,000.

The lower surtax rates on incomes slightly more than \$5,000 a year, would be increased by Houston.

The secretary also recommended abolition of the present consumers tax on ice cream and similar luxuries and urged against a "radical" use of the general sales tax.

Houston presented this summary to show what his plan of tax revision would yield the government in addition to the money now collected:

Normal income tax \$150,940,000 through increasing rates from 4 and 8 per cent to 6 and 12 per cent. Readjusted surtaxes: \$230,000,000. Corporation income tax \$465,000,000 by increasing present rates by 6 per cent.

Corporation undistributed profits: (Continued on page five)

