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NO RESTRICTION ON "JUICE" USE

Supt. Mylott States That
Use of Power and Light
Will Not be Curtailed

USE ALL YOU WANT

For Your Display Windows
—Have Plenty of Coal—
Dozen Cars on Tracks

Supt. Martin Mylott of the Decatur light and power plant, stated this morning that there will be no restrictions placed on the use of light and power in Decatur during the holiday season, as has been the case for two years here, the curtailment being necessary on account of the shortage of coal. This year the local merchants and business men can use all the "juice" they want to light up their display windows or signs and there will be no regulation whatever as to the amount.

Plenty of Coal.

A good supply of coal is on hand at the water works now, besides the thirteen cars on the tracks which are being unloaded today. This amount of coal will be enough to run the light and power plant until after the holidays and there is no danger of a shutdown, unless it be that turbines or the boilers would go "down" at the same time.

Pull Heaviest At Six.

Since the General Electric plant and the Decatur Castings company foundry have limited their hours of work per week, the pull on the turbine at the power plant is not very heavy during the day. The heaviest pull, or when the capacity of the plant is taxed is between four-thirty and six-thirty in the evening. Supt. Mylott stated.

To Be Big User.

When the Krick-Tyndall tile factory begins to use power to operate their big factory, this concern will be one of the biggest users of power in the city. It is thought that the improvements at the plant will have been completed by the first of the year and then they begin to use a large amount of electricity. The new turbine will be going by that time and the Decatur light and power plant will still be able to supply every factory and residence in Decatur with light and power. We will have one of the best power plants in this part of the state.

FIGHT NEW RATE

Bluffton City Council Appoints Committee to File Protest With Company

ARE TO ACT AT ONCE

Probable That Any Change In Bluffton Rate Would Also Effect Decatur

The gas rate in Decatur is \$1.75, this rate recently being allowed by the public service commission. The rate here has always been uniform with the rate at Bluffton where a protest is being made and an investigation now in progress by the city council. It is likely that any change made in the Bluffton rate would likewise effect this city, though so far no protest has been made here. The Bluffton Banner says:

The city council last night appointed Councilman J. S. Clark and City Attorney John F. Decker, a committee to lodge a formal protest with the officials of the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric company, against the gas rate of \$1.75 per thousand cubic feet, recently granted by the public service commission.

The rate is in effect now and Bluffton residents will feel the effect when they pay their gas bills next month.

Councilman Clark stated that the council had not been notified of any hearing and that he believed it the duty of the council as a whole, to take the part of the citizens in a protest against the increase, for he stated, he did not believe it justified in the face of the falling prices in commodities in other lines.

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OLDEST "VET" IN STATE

John D. Andrews is now engaged in finding a complete roster of old company B, the first militia company organized in Decatur and will be glad if any one can furnish as a part of the state's history. Mr. Andrews is the oldest living enlisted veteran of the Spanish-American war in Indiana. He was born in 1850 and was forty-eight years old when he enlisted, though the records showed he was forty-four. He served as quartermaster sergeant of his company.

FARMERS ACTIVE

Many New Members Secured for Farmers' Organization in This County

AT MEETING SATURDAY

The Resolutions Committee Makes Report—Mr. Settle Makes a Good Address

Adams county farmers who attended the meeting at the court house Saturday were enthusiastic in their effort to do something that would in the future protect them from serious loss when values of farm products topped downward, when the cost of production was more than the market value. The address of W. H. Settle of Petroleum was a good one, and every farmer in the county should have heard it. He and Colonel Repert asked the farmers to organize as one body that they might take care of the matters that concern the farmers, and several new members were secured for the organization in this county.

The members of the resolutions committee, M. L. Busche, county agent; Sherman Alexander, St. Mary's township; Ed Gilliom, Monroe township, and John Heimann, Washington township, reported as follows:

Whereas, we realize that we farmers are not receiving just recompense for our farm products; and

GETS AN INCREASE

Berne Electric Company is Granted Permission to Increase the Rates

THE ORDER IS MADE

Valuation of Plant Placed at \$26,000—Fifty Cents is the Minimum

(United Press Service)

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 13.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The public service commission to day issued an order authorizing the Berne Electric company to increase its electric rates at Berne.

The commission placed the tentative valuation of the company at \$26,000.

The company was authorized to increase its rates as follows: first 10 kilowat hours used per kilowat gross, 13 cents, net 12 cents. Next 10, 11½ cents gross, net 10½ cents. Next 20, 10 cents per gross, 9 cents net; next 20, 9½ cents gross; 8½ net. Next 12, 9 cents gross, 8 cents net. Next 200, 8 gross, 7 cents net.

The order set the following monthly minimum rates at 60 cents gross and 50 cents net. The order is to become effective on and after January 1, 1921.

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Price Three Cents

THE ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MEETS FOR FIRST TIME.



This photo, just arrived from Geneva, shows members of the League of Nations Council at the first meeting of the Assembly of the League in the Hall of the Reformation in Geneva. L.—Quinton de Leon of Spain. 2. Premier Tittoni of Italy. 3. M. Leon Bourgois of France. 4. Paul Hymans of Belgium, new President of the League. 5. Sir Eric Drummond of England, Chief Secretary. 6. Lord Fisher of England. 7. Baron Matsui of Japan and 8. Dr. Baston de Cunha, Brazilian Ambassador to France.

IT'S PAID FOR BY LOCAL MEN

Local Men Contribute the Money to Pay Cost of Guarding "Mash" and

WHITE MULE" STILL

Attorney Minton of Anti-saloon League is Here to Assist the Prosecutor

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A SANDWICH RACE

Last night at the Riverside Restaurant, Earl Neuenschwander and Carl Schaffer ran an eating race. Earl ate sixteen sandwiches, three cookies, drank three cups of coffee and three cups of water. Schaffer ate fifteen sandwiches, one pie and drank two cups of coffee and three of water. The low man paid for the whole thing.

TAXES ARE DIVIDED

State Receives Nearly \$50,000 From the December Distribution

JOB IS COMPLETED

The Trustees Will Receive Checks on Saturday—Total Taxes Collected

The December distribution sheet of taxes as prepared by the county auditor-elect, Martin Jaberg, has been approved by the state tax board commissioners. The state will receive \$44,829.90 out of the December distribution of the total collected for the year which amounted to \$280,026.06.

The taxes as distributed are as follows:

State tax, general fund, \$5,031.89; benevolent institutions, \$8,938.88; state highway, \$8,937.75; state school, \$12,579.64; state educational institutions, \$6,417.73; state vocational, \$458.70.

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DIVORCE GIVEN TO PLAINTIFF

Judge Moran Grants Victoria Beam Legal Separation From Clyde Beam

ALSO \$5,600 ALIMONY

Attorney Fees of \$400 and Custody of the Children, Joy and Nessie

Judge John C. Moran in circuit court this morning gave to the plaintiff, Victoria Beam, a divorce on her complaint against Clyde Beam. The court also gave Mrs. Beam alimony in the sum of \$5,600 and \$400 attorney fees. The plaintiff is also given the care and custody of the children, Joy and Nessie Beam, aged thirteen and fifteen, and the defendant is also ordered to pay into court the sum of \$9 per month for each child, or a total of \$18 per month until the children become seventeen years old.

The alimony is to be paid as follows:

The sum of \$400 on or before ten days from this date.

The sum of \$600 on or before sixty days from this date.

The sum of \$2,500 on or before twelve months from this date.

Deferred payments shall bear 6 per cent interest from date. The first payment shall bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent after maturity. Payments must be secured by freehold security within thirty days from this date on failure to so secure same within thirty days, the whole amount of alimony shall become due and payable at once. The payments for the support of said children shall begin on the first day of January, 1921, and continue to be made on the first day of every month thereafter until said children are seventeen years old. Defendant shall have the privilege of visiting said children at all proper times and places until further order of the court. The defendant is also ordered to deliver to the plaintiff or her agents, four pillows, one bedstead, pictures of the plaintiff's parents, set of knives and forks, set of dishes, and all personal belongings of the plaintiff and all of their said children now in the possession of the defendant.

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