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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 shut-down, unless it be that turbin 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 turbin 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 turbin 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.

Councilman Betts stated that if the city had any chance of fighting the new increase, the rate ought to be fought to a "gnat's fizzle." He stated that the citizens looked to the council

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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 toppled 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 Reppert 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 Heilmann, Washington township, reported as follows:

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

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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 today 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 kilowatt hours used per kilowatt 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 cents net. Next 12, 9 cents gross, 8 cents net. Next 200, 8 cents, 7 cents net.

The order set the following monthly minimum rates at 60 cents gross and 51 cents net. The order is to become effective on and after January 1, 1921.

IMMIGRATION BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 13.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The bill proposing to temporarily halt immigration finished the first lap of its course through congress today when the house adopted the Johnson bill. As finally amended just previous to its passage the bill provided that all immigrants shall be barred for a period of one year and that wives and blood relatives of naturalized immigrants may be admitted.

The vote was 293 for the bill to 41 against.

The bill now goes to the senate where favorable action is considered doubtful.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Rain and colder tonight; Tuesday unsettled and colder, probably rain or snow in north portion.

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.—Quinons de Leon of Spain. 2. Premier Tittioni of Italy. 3. M. Leon Bourgeois 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

In order to correct a wrong impression, Mayor Charles Yager announced at noon today that the cost of paying the two men to guard the many gallons of corn "mash" and the "white mule" still at the city hall, taken in a raid last week on the John Russell home, was contributed by local men, one man tendering his check for \$50.

Amos Fisher and Frank Hoffman, two well-known Decatur men, have been employed by Mayor Yager to guard the mash and outfit. Whether through curiosity or for the purpose of gaining a few "pointers" on the manufacture of home-made stills, a continual throng of people have winded their way to the city hall since the raids last week anxious to take a "peep" at the still. One man was heard to remark, "Oh, I can make a thing like that." In order not to encourage the manufacture of these unlawful devices, Mayor Yager ordered that the Russell still be placed under cover. As a joke someone around the city hall built a "phony" contraption of a still and this has been displayed as a work of art.

Minton is Here.

Attorney R. C. Minton, of Indianapolis, head of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league, is in the city today and it was stated that the would assist in the prosecution of the cases now in the mayor's court.

No other raids or arrests have been made since the ones on Friday evening.

FIGHTING IS FIERCE

London, Dec. 13.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The fiercest fighting since the eastern rebellion of 1916 raged in many parts of Ireland today. Attacks on British soldiers were begun while the heart of Cork still flamed in an incendiary fire.

The soldiers and police, according to dispatches here were more than holding their own.

At Cloyne an ancient suburb of Cork a lorry load of Scotch highlanders was attacked from ambush. The bombs were thrown from windows. Rifles and revolver fighting ensued. One Sinn Feiner was killed and several wounded and captured. The barracks at Ballinalee, the scene of former fighting, were rushed by a mass of Sinn Feiners today. The occupants stood off the attackers for five hours although one side of the barracks was blown up. One policeman was killed and three seriously injured. Sinn Fein losses were not known.

A SANDWICH RACE

Last night at the Riverside Restaurant, Earl Neuschwander 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 Jaberger, has been approved by the state tax board commissioners. The state will receive \$44,829.90 out of the December distribution or 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, \$8,938.98; state highway, \$8,937.75; state school, \$12,579.64; state educational institutions, \$6,417.73; state vocational, \$458.70.

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THE CHARITY BALL

Plans Under Way for Tri Kappa Dance on New Year's Eve.

With the exception of putting up the decorations that will grace the Masonic hall, plans are practically completed for the annual Charity Ball to be given by the Tri Kappa Sorority on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31, 1920.

Farling's Feature Five orchestra of Bluffton has been secured to furnish the music for the evening and tickets have been placed on sale at two dollars per couple.

The event promises to be a pleasant one and a cordial invitation is extended by the Tri Kappas to the public to attend this dance. For some time it has been an annual custom of this sorority to give a New Year's dance and those who have attended have always enjoyed the affair to their heart's content. Plan to dance the old year out and the new year in.



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 six months 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.

The restraining order heretofore granted is hereby vacated and released, and judgment is made against the defendant for costs. The parties reside in St. Mary's township. Merryman & Sutton were plaintiff's attorneys, and D. B. Erwin represented the defendant.

NEW NOTE REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE DECISION

Geneva, Dec. 13.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The German government presented a new note to the assembly of the league of nations refusing to recognize the decision of the league regarding the award of Eupen and Malmédy formerly German territory, to Belgium.

PORTLAND IS PEEVED

The Geneva high school basketball team trounced the quintet representing the Portland high school in a one-sided game at Portland Friday evening, and Portland papers say the Geneva boys played and looked like men who had gone to high school thirty years ago. The fact is that all of the boys are regular attendants at the Geneva high school, and not one of them has been on the high school team more than two years.

MANY SHOPPERS

Streets and Stores Were Crowded Saturday Afternoon and Evening

CHRISTMAS RUSH ON

Local Stores Have Fine Displays and Many Bargains Are Advertised

Did you take notice to the crowd of people on the streets and in the stores Saturday evening?

Automobiles were parked for blocks on every street in the city.

Looked like a regular city and from the number of shoppers seen in the local stores, including clothing, groceries, shoe, dry goods, jewelry, hardware, furniture stores and drug stores, and in fact, in nearly every store in Decatur the local merchants were doing a nice business all day Saturday. Those stores who have been running special Christmas ads in the "Home Paper" were doing an extra volume of business because of the fact that they offered special bargains to the shoppers.

Prices in Decatur are in keeping with the lower market and it is thought that the Christmas sales this year will equal those of last year in volume. It was stated by one merchant that the people were buying more conservatively, more useful things this year and that indications

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NO "FLU" HERE

Not a Single Case Has Been Reported to City Health Officer Costello

HEALTHY CONDITION

Exists Among the People in Decatur—Diphtheria Cases Clear Up

A healthy physical condition exists among the people in Decatur this year, according to reports from City Health Officer Dr. Costello's office.

No "Flu" in Decatur.

Not a single case of the "flu" has been reported so far this year, and no doubt the citizens are truly grateful for this condition. Last year at this time a score or more cases prevailed here and it will be remembered that several of our prominent and esteemed citizens fell victims to the terrible disease.

No Small Pox Here.

Although a few cases of small pox exists in certain parts of the country, they are not serious and most of the patients are recovering and not a single case has been reported in Decatur. County Health Officer Grandstaff and other physicians are successfully combating the disease and in no sense does it border on an epidemic.

Diphtheria Clears Up

The one case of diphtheria in Decatur will be released from quarantine probably today. It existed at the Charles Ault home in the south part of the city. One of the children succumbed to it, while the other child was seriously sick. The family has been quarantined for some time and no other cases have been reported.

To Release Quarantine

The three cases of scarlet fever reported to City Health Officer Costello will probably be released from quarantine this week, Dr. Costello stating that it depended upon the reports received from the attending physicians.

Health Conditions

The small number of contagious disease cases reported in city is proof that an excellent health condition exists among the people in Decatur. There are a few cases where people are suffering or are seriously sick from the effects of the "flu" of last year but general health conditions in this community this year are good.

NOTED SCULPTOR IS COMING HERE

Pompeo Coppini Will Address Rotarians at the Library Tuesday Night

LUNCHEON AT SEVEN

Anthony Heit and Charles Dickmeyer of Ft. Wayne Will Also Be Here

The Rotarians will have the pleasure of hearing Pompeo Coppini, a noted sculptor of Chicago who will talk on "Art" at the regular meeting of the club to be held Tuesday evening in the lower room of the library. In addition to this noted personage, Anthony W. Heit, head of the Heit, Miller and Lau Candy company of Fort Wayne and Charles Dickmeyer, manager of the company will be here and it is planned that both of the Fort Wayne men address the local club on "Rotary." As suggested by the International headquarters of Rotary, every Rotary club in the world will have a speaker to address the members on Rotary during the month of December.

Sculptor Coppini is a national figure and is known throughout the United States. He is personally acquainted with George Wemhoff and Wal Wemhoff, president of the Decatur Rotary club, and is a Rotarian himself. He will be the guest of Wal Wemhoff Tuesday evening and on Wednesday will go to Fort Wayne with him where he will address the Fort Wayne Rotarians.

Meet at Library at 6:45

The Decatur Rotarians will meet at the library at 6:45 on Tuesday evening and then march to the Eats restaurant where a luncheon will be served by Rotarian Raymond Harting. Following the luncheon the men will go back to the library where they will hear the splendid talks by their distinguished guests.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS LETTER

The annual Christmas letter from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Herman J. Alerding of the Fort Wayne diocese was read at both masses Sunday at the St. Mary's Catholic church. It was a splendid letter and reminded the congregation of the great feast that would be celebrated on Christmas day—the birth of Jesus in a little manger in Bethlehem, and that an unselfish spirit should prevail among every one.

AUCTIONEER WEDS

Nelson Miller and Miss Emma Bieberick Married Saturday at Hillsdale

BY REV. KRUTZMAN

Returned Here Sunday—Are Receiving Congratulations From Friends

Nelson LeForrest Miller, well known young auctioneer of the firm of Miller & Brunton, and Miss Emma Bieberick were quietly married Saturday at Hillsdale, Mich., and returned here Sunday.

They left Decatur Saturday, and during the afternoon and evening it was whispered that the couple would be married when they returned here.

The ceremony was performed at the Michigan town by the Rev. Krutzman, of the Lutheran church, and Mr. and Mrs. Miller left Hillsdale Saturday evening on their return to Decatur. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bieberick, of Preble township, and is well known in this city and in the country where she has resided. Mr. Miller is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Miller, of Peoria, Ill., and came here several months ago, and worked with Colonel Reppert during the summer months, and until after the Northern Indiana fair. Early in the fall he formed a partnership with Jack Brunton in the auctioneering business, and the two have been quite successful.

The groom is one of the promising young men of the city, and during his stay here has made friends with every one he has met. Mr. and Mrs. Miller expect to make Decatur their home.