

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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## WILL VOTE ON BONUS OF TEN DOLLARS PER MONTH

FOR SOLDIERS IN GREAT WAR--BILL PASSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES--GIVAN REQUESTED TO OFFER AN APOLOGY.

(United Press Service) Indianapolis, Mar. 3—(Special to Daily Democrat) — Suspending the rules of the house of representatives today passed Representative Newman's bill providing a state bonus for ex-service men. The bill would grant former soldiers and sailors a bonus of \$10 for each month they spent in the service providing the proposal is approved by a vote of the people.

Following this the house suspended the rules again and passed Senator Ratts' bill appropriating \$200,000 with which to aid the school of the financially poor southern Indiana counties. Speaking for the measure Representative Fifield declared today many of the schools would be forced to close within a week unless immediate aid was extended them. The schools formerly were benefited by a special state school aid fund which was depleted by the special legislature last summer.

The vote on the bonus bill was 79 to 14.

Organized labor suffered its most pressing legislative defeat when the senate approved the house bill repealing the full train crew law and the full switching crew law. Both bills now go to the governor for his signature.

The vote on the repeal of the full switching crew law was 36 to 11 and the vote on the repeal of the full train crew law was 34 to 11. The laws specify the number of men to be employed in each of the respective crews and their repeal leaves this question entirely in the hands of the railroad.

The ghost of fraud charges in the legislature came back to haunt the law making body today.

While the house of representatives was being informed the lock on the house engrossing room had been broken the senate adopted a motion calling upon Representative Givan of Indianapolis to publicly apologize to employees of the senate engrossing room for charging that the Ratts' woman labor bill had been altered after it had passed the senate and before it was received by the house.

Senator Beardsley opened the fight in the senate. His motion called for an apology of the representative who started the commotion in the house. Beardsley's motion did not mention any names specifically but it was aimed at Givan and Representative Harris who exposed the mutilated

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THE WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Friday, colder tonight, freezing temperature.

WILSON TO ENTER LAW

Washington, March 3.—(Special to Daily Democrat) — President Wilson today announced he will enter the practice of law with former Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby, with offices in New York and Washington.

The only previous experience Wilson has had as a practician lawyer was in Atlanta, Ga., where he practiced for two years prior to his entrance into the field of education.

Colby before entering politics was well known at the New York bar.

The firms of Wilson and Colby will specialize in the field of international law where both members have become experts during the last few years of dealing with intricate foreign relations of this country.

This form of practice would not force Wilson to appear in court.

Wilson will soon make application to practice before the supreme court.

## MAIL SACKS LOST

Incoming and Outgoing Pouches Which Contained Checks and Papers

### FAILED TO ARRIVE

Federal Officials Are Investigating — Mail Missing for Ten Days

The loss of two mail sacks, one incoming and one outgoing, in this city several days ago is causing quite a lot of trouble and inconvenience and no doubt some losses.

Federal officers have been investigating for a week past and in due time there will be something doing very probable. The sacks disappeared a week ago Saturday night. The pouch supposed to go south on No. 4 of the G. R. & I. at midnight and the pouch arriving on that train are missing. The night man at the G. R. & I. it is said claims the sack was put on the train but it never arrived at its destination and no mail was received from the train. A number of checks from local business men and some important documents were in the outgoing pouch and as a consequence much inconvenience has resulted. The banks are notifying those who had checks in the mail and duplicates will be secured and payment has been stopped on the originals.

Postmaster Bosse would make no statement concerning the matter, saying he had nothing to report and any definite information could not be obtained. Further details are expected within a few days and local talent may be implicated.

INAGURATION INCIDENTS

(United Press Service) Postmaster General Burleson led in all honors for inauguration ceremony.

The front of the big gray postoffice building facing Pennsylvania Avenue was covered with flags and one was flying from each of two flag poles.

Harding will pass this display twice tomorrow.

Cal Coolidge is looking over the job. He has visited the senate twice. He's going again today. The rest of the time he spends talking to friends and to Vice President Marshall.

Leather-lunged young men testing the amplifier which is to make Harding's inaugural speech audible to the crowds have tried everything from an oration about Napoleon to Washington's farewell address.

Harding asked the inaugural ball stopped. It was officially—but there'll be three unofficially. One is being given by E. D. McLean; there'll be a charity affair at the Willard and Ohio who feel it is no more than right that one of their number should be president, are celebrating too. It is reported Harding may drop in at all three informally.

Seated among the throng at the inaugural will be a little group of men, the only ones permitted to sit. Some of them will not see Harding as he takes his oath. They are blind and crippled soldiers from hospitals.

President Wilson for the first time in eight years is without his personal stenographer. Charles Swem, who occupied that position, has left for Chicago. Swem held the job since Wilson's inauguration except for a short time when he was in the army.

The old residence just west of the Christian church, recently purchased by John Chronister is being moved to the west part of the city.

## HAVING SUCCESS

Membership Drive by the Knights of Pythias Lodge Going Over Nicely

### STATE FIELD MAN

Is Here—Ray O. Snyder, With Local Boosters Get Many Applications

Members of Kekionga lodge, Knights of Pythias, will have one of the most interesting meetings of the year this evening at the home on Third street, and if you are a Pythian Knight you should be on the job and listen to the report of the men, who this week have been working with Ray O. Snyder, of Bluffton, field man for the order, who is sent out under the direction of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Mr. Snyder is a real Pythian booster, and with the help of several of the members of the local lodge has succeeded in getting a number of applications for membership which will be presented at the meeting this evening. The exact number is not known as we go to press, but at the noon hour more than thirty had made application. Local lodge officers and Mr. Snyder were hopeful of getting many more during the afternoon, and before the drive closes it is believed fifty or perhaps a hundred will be added to the membership roll of Kekionga lodge.

The citizens of Decatur know the Knights of Pythias lodge is one of the strongest here, and also in the United States, and are pleased to see the effort to enlist the men in the work of the lodge.

Arrangements will later be made to initiate the class, and this date will depend almost entirely upon the number and the desire of the applicants. It might be well to keep your eyes on the Knights of Pythias the next few months.

## ASSESSOR NAMED

Jay Cline Will Succeed William Blackburn in Washington Township

### BEGINS HIS DUTIES

At Once—Appointment is Made by County Assessor William Frazier

Jay Cline, who has been a resident of this city for the past several years, was today named assessor for Washington township, to succeed William Blackburn, who has held the office for the past fifteen years, and who resigned Tuesday.

Mr. Cline is well known to most of the citizens of the township, having moved to this city several years ago, and lived in a residence in the west part of town up until a year or two ago when he moved to North Second street, where he now resides. Previous to coming to Decatur he lived in Root township, and was assessor there for six years. He is capable, and having had some experience, it is believed he will make one of the best officials in the county.

The appointment was made by County Assessor William Frazier, who is still confined to his home on Mercer Avenue because of illness. Mr. Frazier is directing the work of the assessors from his home, and the work will proceed as if there had been nothing to hinder the various assessors and their deputies in their get-away.

### KAISERIN VERY ILL

Door, March 3.—(Special to Daily Democrat) — The former kaiserin Augusta Victoria had another sinking spell today. Her condition was so serious that the former crown prince was called.

### FOR HEAVY HAULING

Earl Whiteman and Lester Nepper were fined \$15 and costs on a charge of hauling heavy loads over Adams county highways, by Squire G. F. Kintz. The fine and costs totaled \$23, and each paid up.

### CHICAGO MARKET CLOSE

(United Press Service) Chicago, Ill., March 3.—(Special to Daily Democrat) — March wheat \$1.70 1/2; May \$1.61 1/2; May corn 71 1/4, July 73%; May oats 46, July 47.

### ROTARY TONIGHT

The Rotary club will meet this evening in regular session in the lower room of the library building. O. L. Vance and Hugh D. Hite, delegates to the district conference at Evansville, will make their report. The meeting will be held at 7 o'clock.

### SEVERELY HURT IN FALL

Mrs. Susan Bricker, of Linn Grove who is visiting here with her sister, Mrs. S. J. Foust, suffered severe bruises in a fall Sunday evening at the Foust home. Although no bones were broken she was so severely bruised that she will be confined to her bed for a number of days. A sister, Mrs. Julia Sessford, of Fort Wayne, is at her bedside. Bluffton Banner.

## AT HOT SPRINGS

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Furman of Marion Are Having a Delightful Time

### MANY PICTURE SHOWS

But Only One Ten Cent Store in the City—Horseback Riding is Popular

Editor Daily Democrat, Dear Friend John:

As we are spending a few weeks at Hot Springs, thought it might be of interest for our Decatur friends to know just what Hot Springs is like. It is a city of about 14,000 at the foot of the Ozark mountains. The principal industry, or rather occupation, is bathing. There is one street called Bath House Row. The bath houses are run by the government, so all have the same prices, \$18 for 21 baths. They are good for all the ailments of mankind or womankind. Just at the present time there are a great many northern people here. The government is building a large free bath house for the poor people which will soon be completed. This place is made up of hotels, apartment houses, rooming houses and boarding houses, but the rates are reasonable. The forenoons are taken up with the baths and the afternoons going to the auction. There are three oriental stores here and its wonderful what prices they get for some of their junk. The wealthy here seem to be the principal bidders. I say a rug sold the other afternoon for \$2,100. Horseback riding is the main recreation.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters. The husband died suddenly several weeks ago when he choked to death after a bone had lodged in his throat, while eating dinner at the family home.

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Many representatives will be glad when the motion is made to adjourn sine die Monday midnight. Before the session was two-thirds gone, the morning roll call in the house had dropped from 99 to 80 and now less than 75 usually answering present when their names are called.

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Greeted at the station by a huge throng, they stepped into a motor car and were hurried to the new Willard hotel where they will remain until they leave for the capitol tomorrow.

Yours for friendship,

MR. & MRS. C. J. FURMAN

## ANNIVERSARY DAY

Evangelical Congregation Will Observe Fourth Anniversary of Completion

### OF THE NEW CHURCH

Sunday School, Preaching Services and Young People in Special Efforts

Next Sunday will be observed as the fourth anniversary of the new Evangelical church. The church has much to be thankful for on this anniversary. The congregation has grown from a group of twelve members in 1870 to over 200 members at the present time. This day will find the church with only \$1,000.00 indebtedness with a large over subscription.

The Sunday school session will have some special features in observance of the day. The morning and evening services will be in charge of the pastor. There will be no noon lunch in the basement as in former years.

The Young Peoples service will deal with the history of the local society and its growth.

The evening service will be evangelistic and everybody welcomed to any or all of these services.

All branches of the church work have prospered much under the successful guidance of Rev. C. L. Haney, who is one of the most popular pastors in the city of Decatur.

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## MRS. FIELDS DIES

Unable to Survive Burns Received Last Saturday Morning at Her Home

### WEST OF GENEVA

Has Been in Ill Health Several Years—Husband Died Few Months Ago

Mrs. Lucy Fields, who was so severely burned early last Saturday morning at her home six miles west of Geneva, when she saturated her clothing with coal oil and then struck a match and lighted the wearing apparel, died Wednesday evening at 8:05. Mrs. Fields had suffered terribly since, and her death had been momentarily looked for since the burns were received.

Mrs. Fields had been in ill health several years, and at different times had been an inmate of Easthampton asylum, and it was the fear that she was to be taken back to the institution that caused her to commit the rash act Saturday morning.

She arose early and went to the kitchen, supposed to start the kitchen fire, but instead threw the oil over her clothing and alighted it. Her screams brought her sons to her aid, but before they could pull the burning clothing from her body the flesh was very badly burned from the shoulders to her knees.

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## AWAIT THE HOUR

Senator and Mrs. Harding Arrived at the National Capitol at Noon

### A CROWD MEETS THEM

The President-elect at the Willard Hotel Until Time for the Inauguration

(United Press Service)

Washington, March 3.—(Special to Daily Democrat) — President-elect and Mrs. Warren G. Harding arrived here today.

We are enjoying the baths and the ideal weather just like spring, nice and warm, and the violets are in bloom. Hoping I have not intruded on your time and space. We remain,

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