

## PROMOTION OF STONE HELD UP BY COMMITTEE

Nomination Of Attorney General To Be Associate Justice Delayed.

### TWO MAKE PROTEST

Witnesses Say Stone Should Complete Work He Has Undertaken

Washington, Jan. 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Two witnesses protested against promotion of attorney General Harlan F. Stone to the supreme court in a closed hearing before the senate judiciary committee today.

James A. Owendy, of Boulder, Colo., and Ben Marsh representative of a farm organization declared that Stone should remain at the department of justice to complete work that he has undertaken their objections being in the nature of a tribute to his work as attorney general according to Chairman Sterling.

No further hearings on the nomination are contemplated, Sterling said.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The nomination of Attorney General Harlan F. Stone to be associate justice of the United States supreme court, was held up without explanation today by a subcommittee of the Senate judiciary committee.

Chairman Sterling of the subcommittee declined to make any statement other than that the nomination had been considered but not acted upon.

There is objection to the nomination the senate has always in similar cases quickly reported favorably on the nominee.

### Two Killed When Bus Hits Small Touring Car

Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Two persons were killed and three injured near here today when a big bus and a small touring car containing four laborers enroute to work, crashed on the Monmouth-Galesburg hard road.

The dead: Harold McKnight, Monmouth. Everett Kissick, Monmouth.

### Grandson Of Decatur People Dies At Richmond

Leon Nichols Schafer, 26, of Fort Wayne, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Johns, of this city, died yesterday morning at Richmond, of complications. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer; one brother, Clarence; and one sister, Miss Edna.

### Mrs. Harold Lloyd Is Injured In Studio Fire

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Hollywood, Cal., Jan. 9.—Defective wiring was today credited with the causing the studio fire that yesterday afternoon injured Mrs. Harold Lloyd, wife of the comedian, and did damage estimated at \$60,000. Mrs. Lloyd, known on the screen as Mildred Davis, was slightly burned and suffered some from fumes.

## GETS SENTENCE TO PENAL FARM

### Wiley Slusser Sentenced For Failure To Provide For Family

Wiley Slusser was fined \$10 and costs and sentenced to serve sixty days on the state penal farm this morning, for failure to provide for his wife and children. He will be taken to the penal farm soon.

Recently Slusser pleaded guilty to the charge of failure to provide for his wife and children, but Judge Sutton gave him a chance to make good after he had explained his case and promised to support his family. The court did not sentence him at that time and gave him a chance, but he has not made any payments towards the support of his family since that time, it is said, so the court sentenced him today.

### Fraternity House Burns At Indiana University

Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 9.—Fire early today destroyed the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house here with a loss of \$45,000.

Thirty-five occupants of the house fled in their night clothing and lost all their personal belongings.

The flames were swept to the Kappa Sigma house adjoining and it was saved with difficulty.

Firemen were handicapped in fighting the flames by a shortage of water in the city mains.

## MASONS TO HOLD JOINT MEETING

### Masons, Eastern Stars And Families To Meet Tuesday Night

On next Tuesday evening the Chapter and Blue Lodge Masons and the Order of Eastern Stars will hold a joint meeting in the Masonic hall, at which time the newly elected officers of the Chapter and Blue Lodge will be installed. All Masons and their wives and families, and all Eastern Stars and their husbands and families are invited to attend the installation ceremonies.

The only two surviving charter members of the Masonic lodge in this city, namely, Dr. J. S. Coverdale and Dr. B. W. Sholly, will be honored guests at the meeting. The lodge meeting will open at 7 o'clock and the installation ceremonies, to which the guests will be admitted, will start at 7:30. Following the installation ceremonies, there will be a social hour, during which refreshments will be served. The ball room will be thrown open and music will be provided for dancing. The affair will be a social gathering of all Masons and Eastern Stars and their families. A highly enjoyable evening is anticipated.

### Two Youths Executed In Sing Sing Prison Today

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 9.—John Emclite, 21, and John Rys, 19, both of Reading, Pa., were executed in the electric chair at Sing Sing shortly before midnight for the murder of Lee Jong, Fort Jefferson laundryman.

Both youths were calm as they entered the death chamber. They were accompanied by Rev. John McCaffrey, Catholic chaplain. The execution followed a long fight to save the condemned men. Friends appealed to Governor Smith, but he declined to interfere because the district attorney would not recommend leniency.

Emclite and Rys beat the laundryman to death while trying to rob him. Previously he had befriended them.

## TO GIVE RADIO SETS TO BLIND

### Blind Residents Of City To Get Sets Under Plan Proposed Here

A plan to provide radio receiving sets for the blind residents of Decatur, thereby connecting them with the outside world and furnishing them an interesting and educational means of entertaining themselves, has been proposed by local radio fans and it is believed that the plan will be carried out within the near future. The plan was first proposed by Charles D. Colter and R. J. Hartling, and it has already met with popular approval.

There are five residents of Decatur who have the unfortunate affliction of being blind, it is said. It is planned to raise a fund by popular subscription, with which to purchase sets for those five people and any other blind persons in the city, there are any.

A similar plan has been carried out by broadcasting stations in Detroit, Michigan; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Schenectady, New York; Washington, D. C.; and other large cities. A fund of \$5,000 was raised in Detroit to provide sets for the city's blind residents. Blind people who have listened in on radio sets have received great enjoyment from them and they are in a position to appreciate them.

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## DR. L. L. MATTAX, COUNTY CORONER DIED LAST NIGHT

### Prominent Geneva Physician Died Of Blood Poison At Hospital

#### HEART WEAKENED

Was Native Of Adams Co.; Elected County Coroner Three Times

Dr. L. L. Mattax, of Geneva, age 62 years, coroner of Adams county, died at midnight last night at the Adams County Memorial hospital in this city after a sixteen day's illness from blood poisoning, heart trouble and a diabetic complication.

Dr. Mattax fell a victim of the blood poisoning, which resulted in his fatal illness, a day or so after Christmas. He dressed an infectious wound of a patient on Christmas day. He had a small scratch on his left hand, but it was not noticeable enough to give it much attention. Germs from the wound of his patient poisoned his hand and on Sunday, December 28, he took to his bed. A fever developed and on December 30 he was removed to the Adams County Memorial hospital. About the time that brother physicians thought they had the poisoning in his hand checked, an acute attack of Bright's disease developed, together with a diabetic complication, and his heart weakened. His condition became serious the first of the week and attending physicians gave little hope for his recovery. He lingered between life and death for a few days and yesterday passed into a coma, which finally ended in death.

#### A Native Son

Dr. Mattax was a native son of Adams county. He was born in Blue Creek township on September 5, 1862. His parents were William L. and Bathsheba (Coverdale) Mattax and he was one of four children.

#### Became Doctor In 1891

After attending the district schools in his township, Dr. Mattax first engaged in farming on his father's farm and several years later decided to take up medicine as a profession. He entered Sterling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and was graduated from that institution with an M. D. degree in 1891. He then returned to Adams county and opened his office at Geneva, at which place he has practiced medicine and surgery for the past 33 years.

On October 26, 1892, Dr. Mattax was married to Miss Sophia Blocker.

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#### CONGRESS TODAY

Senate: Considers amendments to the Underwood bill.

Couzens committee continues probe of prohibition unit.

Committee on military affairs discusses routine business.

Interstate commerce commission considers railroad consolidation.

#### House:

Expects to pass army appropriation.

Appropriations committee considers commerce and labor appropriations bills.

Shipping board investigation resumes.

Naval affairs committee discusses minor bills.

Interstate commerce committee considers aeronautics bill.

Military affairs and public lands committees hold regular meetings.

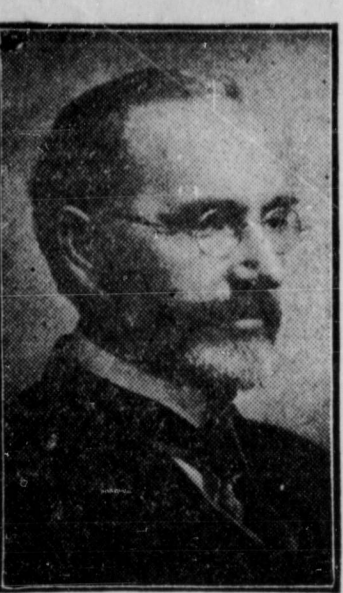
Aircraft investigation continues.

### John E. Kern Leaves For Florida Today

John E. Kern, of Midland, Michigan former Decatur citizen and merchant, left today for Orlando, Florida, where he will spend the winter and probably locate in business.

Mr. Kern owns about one thousand acres of land in Michigan and he intends to dispose of his holdings in that state and move to Florida. Mr. Kern was one of the owners of old Big Store in this city which was destroyed by fire more than 20 years ago. He has been visiting here for several weeks, coming here to visit his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kern, before her fatal illness.

### County Coroner Dies



Dr. L. L. Mattax

Dr. L. L. Mattax, of Geneva, coroner of Adams county, died at the Adams County Memorial hospital at midnight last night, following a short illness of blood poisoning. Dr. Mattax recently begun his third term as county coroner.

## CEMETERY BOARD WILL HOLD OVER

### Old Trustees And Officers To Remain In Office; Reports Are Made

Due to the fact that a quorum was not present at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Cemetery Association held last evening at the office of Dr. J. S. Coverdale, the annual election of trustees was not held and the old board of trustees will hold over for another year. Five of the seven trustees attended the meeting and, following the motion that the old officers hold over during 1925 the trustees organized by re-electing the old officers.

J. S. Niblick was elected president; Dr. J. S. Coverdale, secretary, and Judson W. Teeple, treasurer. The other members of the board of trustees are, Dr. J. M. Miller, M. Kirsch, Dr. P. B. Thomas and Peter Kirsch.

The annual report of the secretary was read during the meeting and the financial statement showed the Decatur Cemetery Association in splendid condition. There is a balance on hands and several thousand dollars loaned on interest. During the year the Association expended more than \$5,000 for beautifying and enlarging the cemetery grounds. Curbing was placed alongside of the driveways and other improvements made.

#### New Plans Adopted

The plans prepared sometime ago for enlarging the cemetery by plotting an additional fifteen acres of ground, west and north of the present ground were approved by the trustees recently. Only a part of the annex will be improved this year, it was stated.

More Than 2000 Graves The Secretary's books shows that

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## Weather

Unsettled tonight and Saturday, probably rain or snow in south portion; warmer tonight in north.

## Daily Democrat Goes Into Nearly Every Home In City And County

The twenty-second annual renewal campaign of the Decatur Daily Democrat is now well under way and each day sees many subscribers to the county daily renewing their subscriptions to 1926.

The Decatur Daily Democrat was established January 12, 1903, and since that time it has been the annual custom to conduct a renewal campaign during the months of January and February.

Beginning with only a few hundred subscribers, the circulation of the Daily Democrat has climbed steadily every year until now the daily paid-up circulation is more than 3,300.

The Daily Democrat goes in practically every home in the city of Decatur. The news-boys each night deliver more than 1,100 papers, besides what are sold at the office over the counter. Census figures give

## FACTIONS NOT TO DICTATE IN APPOINTMENTS

### Speaker Leslie Of Lower House Says He Is Tied To No Clique

#### KLAN FIGHT SEEN

Fight For Control Of Committee On Education Looms Up Today

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"No faction is going to dictate a single selection in the naming of house committees," Harry G. Leslie, speaker of the lower branch of the legislature, declared today in taking up the task of making his appointments.

"I have made no promises and am tied up with no faction or clique," he said. "When I am satisfied that I have the men best qualified and best suited for the various posts I will announce my selections."

Leslie's statement followed reports that the Ku Klux Klan was ready to wage a bitter fight for control of the committee on education in both houses.

"The schools of Indiana are not going to be made the football of any faction for any private aims," Leslie declared. "I believe I can pick a committee of men big enough to be above selfish motives."

Leslie indicated that Lemuel A. Pittenger, of Salem, republican floor leader, would probably be chairman of the ways and means committee, the most important committee post in the house.

The Klan fight for control of the committee on education in the house loomed when it was learned that James Knapp, of Hagerstown, is an aspirant for the chairmanship.

Knapp is understood to have the backing of Walter Bossert, grand dragon of the Indiana Klan. J. Glenn Harris, Lake county representative, is opposing Knapp for the chairmanship.

The crowd of applicants for minor jobs in both houses must wait until Monday on the announcement of the selections of the legislative patronage committee. Because of the large number it was decided that the announcement would be put off until that time.

Plans for inauguration of Governor-elect Ed Jackson and Lieut. Governor-elect Harold Van Orman held interest today of legislators who remained here following adjournment of the general assembly until Monday morning.

Van Orman left Indianapolis last night and will return from Evansville Monday morning aboard a special train with about 400 of his southern Indiana friends and admirers.

Ed Jackson, governor-elect, is confined at his home with a cold and is likely to stay in bed until Monday.

### Fourteen Leap From Burning House Into Net

Youngstown, O., Jan. 9.—Fourteen persons leaped to safety in emergency nets stretched by firemen when their escape from the second floor of a burning house was cut off by flames here today.

### Sorority To Give Away Bed Spread Set

A beautiful hand embroidered bed spread set, consisting of four pieces, will be given away by the Psi Iota Xi Sorority some time this month. The articles will be placed in the Beavers & Fryback window Saturday for display. The girls are selling chances on the outfit, which will be given to the person holding the lucky number. The sorority is a charitable organization and a large sum of money is spent each year for the needs of poor families. The liberal patronage of the public is solicited.

## EASTERN STARS INSTALL OFFICERS

### Interesting Meeting Held By Order At Masonic Hall Last Night

The Order of the Eastern Stars held a most interesting social and business meeting last evening in the lodge rooms, the occasion being the annual installation of officers. Worthy Matron Mrs. Leona Graham presided at the opening and introduced Mrs. Homer Lower, Past Matron of an Ohio Chapter. Mrs. Lower, assisted by R. D. Meyers as Marshall impressively read the Installation ceremonies, thereby installing the following officers to preside for the new year: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Pearl Heller; Worthy Patron, G. T. Burke; Associate Matron, Mrs. Alma Frysinger; Conductress, Mrs. Floy Blair; Associate Conductress, Miss Zelma Stevens; Secretary, Mrs. Mayme Meyers; Treasurer, Mrs. Ida Gilson; Chaplain, Laura Krill; Warder, Mrs. Maud Hower, Sentinel, Mrs. Flora Kinzel; Marshall, Mrs. Della DeVoss; Organist, Miss Florence Haney; Adah, Miss Fannie Hite; Ruth, Mrs. Ernie Hower; Esther, Mrs. Jennie Edwards; Martha, Mrs. Edna Jaberg; and Electa, Mrs. Marie Porter.

Following her installation, Mrs. Heller the new Worthy Matron, delivered a short talk of lovely sentiments to the Chapter and her new corps of officers. She was then taken by surprise when Past Worthy Matron, Mrs. Leona Graham, in behalf of the Chapter, presented Mrs. Heller with a beautiful basket of roses and carnations. The presentation was made with a pretty poem, which portrayed the token of the flowers. Mr. O. L. Vance then took the floor and after entertaining the members for a short while with amusing stories, finally reached the climax of his talk when he expressed the Chapter's appreciation of the past Matrons, Mrs. Leona Graham and Mrs. Mayme Meyers, by presenting each with a beautiful Past Matron's badge, before the new officers were sworn in.

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## ARCHITECT TO LEAVE DECATUR

### Oscar Hoffman To Assume New Position In Des Plaines, Ill., Monday

Oscar Hoffman, well-known architect of this city, has accepted a position as superintendent of construction and architect for the W. L. Plew Real Estate Company, of Des Plaines, Illinois, and will leave Sunday night to assume his new duties on Monday. The Plew Real Estate company is developing several hundred acres of land into a fine residential district at Des Plaines and plans call for the erection of fifty houses this year, costing between \$7,000 and \$15,000 each. Mr. Hoffman will be the superintendent in charge of construction and will also prepare a number of the plans for the modern homes.

Des Plaines, Illinois is located about 16 miles northwest of Chicago and is a suburb of the great mid-western metropolis. It has a population of about 5,000 and still operates under village government. It is not a commercial city, but a place where many Chicago business men live.

Mr. Hoffman intends to move his family to Des Plaines the latter part of February. Mr. Plew is well-known here, being a son-in-law of Mrs. Fred Hoffman. He is connected with a bank at Des Plaines.

Mr. Hoffman has been an architect (Continued On Page Four)

## ALLEGED BANDIT GOES ON TRIAL IN COURT HERE

### Adams Co. Youth Charged With Aiding In Honduras Holdup

#### MCCLEATER TESTIFIES

Alleged Companion In Crime Returned From Reformatory For Trial

Elwood Fry, age 20 years, Adams county youth, went on trial in the Adams circuit court this morning on a charge of larceny, in connection with the holdup and robbery of Homer P. Crum, storekeeper at Honduras, Kirkland township, on July 26, 1924. Little time was consumed in securing a jury to try the case, every member of the regular panel being accepted by counsel for the defendant and the state.

Members of the jury are Russell Long, Henry Biebrick, Godfrey Lehrman, Martin Keifer, Alfred Bollinger, Edward Chronister, William Mitchell, Samuel Beeler, Harvey L. Smith, Melvin Mallonee, Willis Pomeroy and Marcellus Davidson.

Attorney Clark J. Lutz is assisting Prosecuting Attorney John T. Kelly in prosecuting the case for the state, and Attorney R. C. Parrish, of Fort Wayne, is counsel for the defendant.

#### Mr. Crum Testifies

The first witness called to testify in the case was Mr. Crum, who took the stand about 10:30 o'clock. Mr. Crum recited in detail how the holdup and robbery took place on Saturday night, July 26. He said that he was just closing his store for the night when a car passed the store. He had counted out his money, taken in during the day, and placed it in a cigar box, intending to take it to his home, which was located a short distance from the store. After the car passed he extinguished the lights in the store, locked the door and started to walk home. The car had gone to the cross roads a short distance west of the store and turned around. It stopped in front of the store, just after Mr. Crum had started home, and one of the two occupants of the car asked for some gasoline. Mr. Crum said he pumped two gallons of gasoline into the car and then one of the men flashed a light in his face and, pointing a revolver at him, demanded his money. He said he told the man he did not have any money but the man asked for the cigar box. Mr. Crum said he handed the box to the man and the two climbed into the car and drove away. The box contained between \$75 and \$100, Mr. Crum said.

#### MCCleater Takes Stand

After Mr. Crum was cross-examined by counsel for the defense, court adjourned for the noon recess. When court re-opened at 1 o'clock, Cleo McCleater, the other youth arrested with Fry for the holdup, and who was

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## DELAY HEARING OF M. S. HAWKINS

### Removal Proceedings Continued From January 12 To January 30

Indianapolis, Jan. 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Removal proceedings against Morton S. Hawkins, former president of the Hawkins Mortgage Co., of Portland, Ind., before U. S. Commissioner Andrews Iddings at Dayton, Ohio have been continued from January 12 to 20, according to a telegram received by Homer Elliott, United States district attorney from Benson H. Hough, who holds the same office for the Ohio district, today.

A dispatch from Dayton however said Iddings declared he had not postponed the hearing and would not until a formal motion is presented January 12. It is expected this will be done.

Final disposition of the cases of fourteen defendants found guilty in the conspiracy case by a jury in November will be made by Judge Ferdinand A. Geiger of Milwaukee, Wis., Saturday.