

## ENDORSE HEATON FOR JUDGESHIP

### Members Of Adams County Bar Endorse Ft. Wayne Man For New Court

The Adams County Bar has endorsed Attorney Benjamin F. Heaton of Fort Wayne for the appointment of Federal judge in the new federal district established by Congress a few days ago. The Hickey bill, authorizing the establishment of the court, was signed yesterday by President Coolidge and the only thing left undone is the appointing of a man to preside over the court.

The Decatur attorneys, through Judge James T. Merriman, circulated a petition asking that Mr. Heaton be appointed to the place. The petition has been forwarded to the proper officials and it is thought that a judge for the northern district will be appointed soon.

South Bend, Huntington, Bluffton and one or two other cities have candidates for the judgeship and the outcome is looked forward to with interest.

The bill as finally approved by the house and senate is designed to bring the federal court into closer contact with the various communities in the state. Provision is made that court shall be held twice a year in the cities of Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, South Bend, Hammond, Terre Haute, Evansville and New Albany. In the east nearly all sessions of the court have been held in Indianapolis, although on occasions the presiding judge had gone to other cities for the convenience of the litigants.

Representative Hickley's original bill would have divided the state into two judicial circuits, but the senate judicial committee last June disapproved of this division.

**Allotment of Counties**

The allotment of counties to the various districts is as follows:

Indianapolis—Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Clinton, Decatur, Delaware, Fayette, Fountain, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Howard, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Montgomery, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Tipton, Union and Wayne—20 counties.

Fort Wayne—Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, Jay, Lagrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells, Whitley—12 counties.

South Bend—Cass, Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Marshall, Miami, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Stark and Wabash—11 counties.

Hammond—Benton, Carroll, Jasper, Lake, Porter, Newton, Tippecanoe, Warren and White—9 counties.

Terre Haute—Clay, Greene, Knox, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo—9 counties.

Evansville—Davies, Dubois, Gibson, Martin, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick—10 counties.

New Albany—Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Lawrence, Ohio, Orange, Ripley, Scott, Switzerland and Washington—15 counties.

### Survey Book Evokes Favorable Comments

Among the many fine compliments passed on the Industrial Association survey book entitled, "Facts About Decatur, Indiana" is the following comment of the Adams County Witness, published at Berne.

The Decatur Industrial Association has published a fine twenty-page pamphlet entitled "Facts About Decatur, Indiana," and a glance through the booklet proves that it supplies every fact that the name implies. A copy of the pamphlet was received by the Witness yesterday. The booklet is a neat publication and is interesting to anyone who may pick it up. Whoever was responsible for its publication deserves credit for the piece of advertising that the pamphlet contains.

The booklet does not selfishly boast Decatur, but in the foreword the fine community spirit of Adams county and Decatur is mentioned. In the beginning of the booklet a brief early history of the county seat town is given, stating that in 1836 the town was platted by Thomas Johnson and Samuel Rugg and that their town was named Decatur in honor of Commodore Stephen Decatur, that brave naval hero of the battle of Tripoli and other conflicts in the Mediterranean. For 46 years the town fought the battles that only the pioneers had to fight. In 1881, the pamphlet states the town was incorporated and the first mayor and city official were elected on September 5th of that year.

This history states the first train that passed through Decatur was in 1871 when the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad (Pennsylvania System)

has constructed its road. Two other main trunk lines passed through the young city, which began to progress.

Throughout the booklet are given the various features of the city, population, industrial, civil, educational, climatic, protection, resources, etc.

On the front cover appears the picture of Commodore Stephen Decatur and on the back cover appear the pictures of five Decatur industries and the Adams County Memorial hospital.

The material for the book was collected by L. F. Conter, secretary of the association, assisted by other members of the association and the data is said to have been gotten from reliable sources."

### William Mesel, Geneva, Wins Suit At Portland

Portland, Jan. 17.—Judge R. D. Wheat has entered his decision in the

case of William Mesel, of Geneva against Daniel C. McKenzie, suit for the enforcement of specific performance of contract, which was tried in the circuit court a few weeks ago. Special findings of the court are in favor of the plaintiff and Attorney James R. Fleming is named commissioner to convey the property involved which is valued at between \$15,000 and \$20,000. An appeal will likely be taken in the case, according to

Attorney F. R. Bechdel of the law firm of McGriff, Schwartz & Bechdel, representing the defendant. Attorney J. R. Fleming represented the plaintiff.

Mesel and McKenzie were formerly partners in the oil business. The suit grew out of the purchase by Mesel of 53 acres of oil leases in eBarcreek township of McKenzie, the leases being situated on the D. W. Bergman farm. Oil in paying quantities was later found on the leases, and while

there was no written contract as to the assignment of the land to Mesel, the latter maintained that a moral agreement was had between the two, and McKinzie alleged that the oil property was not included in the sale which he made to Mesel, the court holding in favor of such oral agreement.

### Generators Recognized As Disturbers Of Radio Peace

UNITED PRESS SERVICE  
Indianapolis, Jan. 17.—Electric generators, long the bugbear of radio fans, were given official recognition today as disturbers of radio peace.

The state public service commission received a letter from Claude Rhodes, of Tippecanoe, Indiana, saying that he was unable to get anything but a "rattling, grinding noise" over his radio between 6 a. m. and 9 p. m. because of the operation of a genera-

tor.

"Is there any way to stop this noise?" the indignant radio fan asked. "One man wanted to try to stop it, but they wouldn't let him."

Rumors that a bill would be introduced in the legislature declaring radio interference by electric generators a misdemeanor and providing penalties could not be verified.

### Eases Her Conscience

UNITED PRESS SERVICE  
Tipton, Ind., Jan. 17.—Miss Nannie Crull rooming house proprietor, today has a new crisp one dollar bill which she does not know whether to keep for a souvenir or not.

While she was doing her housework, a woman came to the door and said: "I owe you a dollar. Two years ago one of your neighbors shot one of your chickens which was in his garden and gave it to me. I ate it. Since that time I have been convert-

ed and want to pay you for the chicken."

"Padding" Of Payrolls  
Is Target Of Measure

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Indianapolis, Jan. 17.—Heavy fines and imprisonment for public officials who "pad" their payrolls are provided in a bill which Representative Harris, of Gary was preparing today for introduction in the house.

Officials who allow persons to be paid without rendering actual service would be included in the category of payroll padders.

Call 436 for Taxi.

City Light bills are now due and should be paid before Jan. 20th to save the penalty. Do it today. City Light Department.

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## SPECIAL

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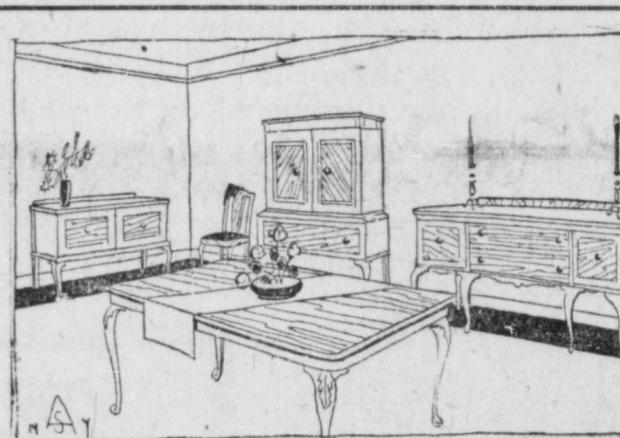
# January Clearance Sale

"The Half Century Furniture Store"

## CUT PRICE FURNITURE SALE

starts Monday Morning January 19th

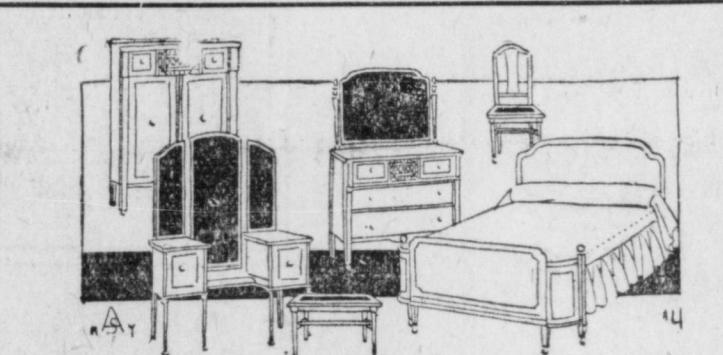
WE MUST REDUCE OUR STOCK AND WE WILL SELL ANYTHING AND ALL STOCK  
AT A REDUCED PRICE. EVERYTHING MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES. IF YOU ARE  
EXPECTING TO ADD ANY NEW PIECE OF FURNITURE TO YOUR HOME—NOW IS  
THE TIME TO BUY IT.



### Dining Room Suites

Walnut Dining Room Set, reduced from \$159.50 right down to rock bottom at..... \$135.00  
Walnut Dining Room Set, regularly priced at \$195.00.  
Going to some one during this sale for..... \$156.00

MANY OTHER GOOD BARGAINS

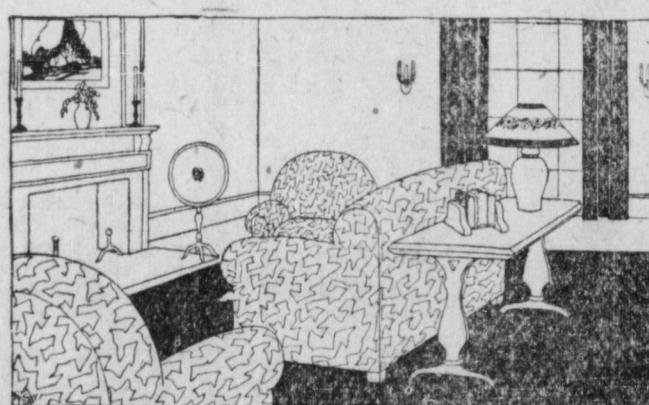


### Bed Room Suites

Walnut Dresser, regularly priced at \$56.00; Special during this sale only at..... \$43.00

3 Piece Bed Room Set in Walnut, regular price was \$168.00; Special during this sale at..... \$140.00

Other Wonderful Bargains To Be Had



### Living Room Suites

3 piece Living Room Suite; formerly sold for \$150; Special at \$90.00  
3 piece Living Room Suite, regularly priced at \$188; Now \$148.00

3 Piece Living Room Suites; regular \$90 marking for.... \$75.00  
3 piece Living Room Suite; Regular \$145.00; During this sale \$90.00

All Other Furniture Reduced  
Such As

Kitchen Cabinets	Odd Dressers
Kitchen Tables	Odd Chiffoniers
Drop Leaf and End Tables	
Library Tables	Cedar Chests
Davenport Tables	Iron and Brass Beds

### ROCKING CHAIRS

All Kinds of Rocking Chairs in any finish  
will be cut in price in this sale.

# Yager Brothers Furniture Store

Opposite Public Square—East Side

Decatur, Indiana