

DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

Published Every Evening Except Sunday by THE DECATUR DEMOCRAT CO.

J. H. Heller, Pres. and Gen. Mgr.
E. W. Kanape, Vice-Pres. & Adv. Mgr.
A. K. Holthouse, Sec'y. & Bus. Mgr.

Entered at the Postoffice at Decatur, Indiana, as second class matter.

Subscription Rates:
Single copies..... 2 cents
One week, by carrier..... 10 cents
One Year, by carrier..... \$5.00
One month, by mail..... 35 cents
Three Months, by mail..... \$1.00
Six Months, by mail..... \$1.75
One Year, by mail..... \$3.00
One Year, at office..... \$3.00
(Prices quoted are within first and second zones. Additional postage added outside those zones.)

Advertising Rates Made Known by Application.

Foreign Representative Carpenter & Company, 123 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

And while the legislature is on the matter of regulating speeds of automobiles, picture shows, baseball players and others, why not include a section placing a speed limit on the legislature. By the way, what about that forty-five day session? If they are going to do it, there is necessity for moving along. So far it has been a time marking contest.

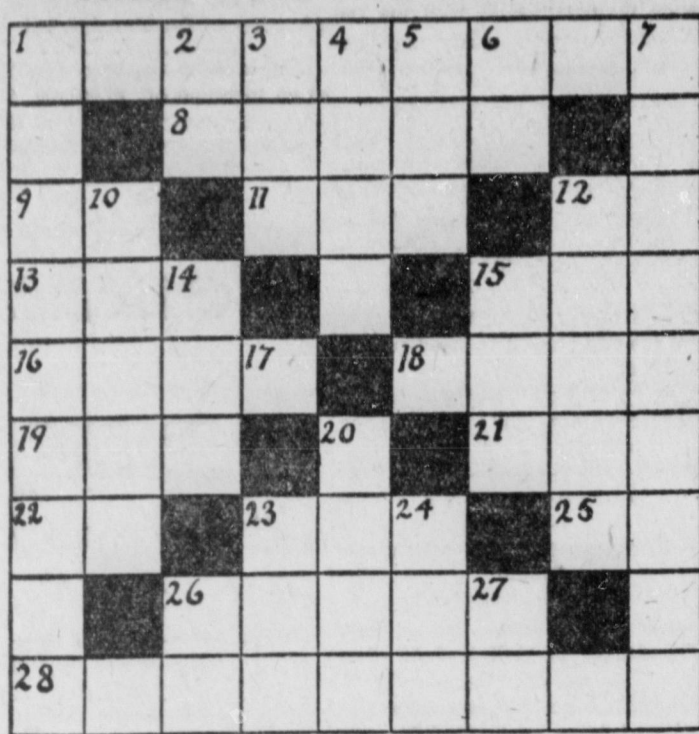
Now that the bar association of Wells county has endorsed Judge Gordon for the new federal judgeship that congress intends placing in Indiana, it will be the pleasure of every individual, regardless of politics, to stand for Mr. Gordon. He made this county an excellent judge, he is capable of doing even greater things, he is as well worthy and is an competent as any man that has been mentioned, or will be mentioned. He is a Wells county man, and we should go down the line for him. Just as we all were proud when Frank Dailey landed a federal job, just so we should be proud to boost Judge Gordon—Bluffton Banner.

The present session of the legislature is to be flooded, evidently with bills designed to force people to be good. While there is no doubt that certain regulations are necessary, there is grave danger in trying to make people do things they don't want to do or in preventing them from doing those things they want to do. It is therefore necessary that honest and earnest attention be given the bills before the house and senate, looking towards these ends. You as a citizen have your right to an opinion, one way or another and its your duty now to study the measures and to write your representative and senator what you think about them, that the law maker may act intelligently.

If we got the road north from here improved this year and the mile just north of Monroe we will have a real start. Adams county should have an east and west road as well as the north and south road and then several spurs should be improved by the county. The six or seven miles between here and Willsfire would connect Dayton and Fort Wayne and the six or seven miles east from Bernie would prove a valuable improvement for that part of the county. We insist that the most important community matter now and for several years to come will be the road question. If we got good roads which connect us with the outside world, we will be on the map while if we pass it up, we are off the track and out of things.

A merchant in a large town said he got no business from tourists that they bought their supplies in small towns. A merchant in a small town said he received but little business from the tourist because they were always hitting for the big town. Now somebody's wrong for they both can't be right. The truth of the matter is that both are wrong for they both get business but price does not allow for all sides of the question, therefore facts are this:—If parking laws in the city are such that the stranger cannot find a place to leave his car while he goes out to make purchases, said stranger will drive on to the town that does furnish him with conveniences that make the spending of

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 42



- Horizontal.
- 1—Persistent idea
 - 2—Made of a certain kind of wood
 - 3—Establishment (abbr.)
 - 4—Make of a certain kind of lace
 - 5—Preposition
 - 6—Vase
 - 7—Watering place
 - 8—Framed piece of glass
 - 9—An equal
 - 10—Consumed
 - 11—Blackbird of cuckoo family
 - 12—Point of compass
 - 13—Rowing implement
 - 14—Thus
 - 15—Song for single voice
 - 16—School term (pl.)
- Vertical.
- 1—Tenants
 - 2—in order that
 - 3—Consume
 - 4—Card game
 - 5—to fix a date
 - 6—Not out
 - 7—Wicked
 - 8—Make a speech (slang)
 - 9—Lenses
 - 10—Point of compass
 - 11—Body of water
 - 12—Raised platform
 - 13—Native metal
 - 14—Rodent
 - 15—Part of verb "to be"
 - 16—Point of compass

Solution will appear in next issue.



THE DOCTOR'S DEATH

He lived unselfishly, heeding the call Of sick and suffering folk; Braving the midnight storms and the cold Like a strong and a sturdy oak. With a courage unflinching, spirit bold Bearing what burdens life on him rolled. Nor lost he faith in his fellow men— Though physicians know all too well Our follies of youth, and our later crimes What tales do our blood tests tell! Large was his service, small was his wage But skepticism marred not his page. In the line of duty at last he fell Like soldier upon the field When those who knew him, but little dreamed The records of life were sealed— That the eye of an angel upon him beamed— "Why—Daddy is only sleeping," it seemed. Out in God's Acre, where beautiful flowers And grasses in summer grow, Where birds sing sweetly, though skies are gray, When softly the south winds blow There, by the river's flow Under a blanket of snow, With tears we tenderly laid him away, Until God's great awakening day. —A. D. Burkett.

PLAN JUNIOR LEGISLATURE

High Schools Asked to Send Delegates To Junior General Assembly

Indianapolis, Indiana, January 19.—An Indiana Junior General Assembly will be held at Indianapolis during the week beginning March 23, according to a notice issued today to all county, city and town superintendents and principals of the state by Dr. Henry Noble Sherwood, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Each county will be invited to have a member in the Junior Assembly. According to the plans made by the State Department of Public Instruction, an exact replica of the 1925 General Assembly will be held by the Junior lawmakers, elected from the various high schools of the state. The chief object of the Junior Assembly is to create more interest among the high school students in Indiana government and civics. In each county the Board of elections shall be composed of the county superintendent of schools; one principal and one teacher of History or Civics, both of whom shall be appointed by the county superintendent. This board shall be invested with all

authority to conduct the elections for the Junior Assembly.

Each high school in the county shall elect one delegate by ballot January 30, in case its county representation in only one house of the Junior Legislature; in case the county has representation in both houses, there shall be two delegates chosen. In every case the delegate shall be chosen as a delegate to the Representative Convention or as a delegate to the Senatorial Convention, as the case may be.

The delegate conventions shall be held February 14, at place designated by the County Board of Elections.

According to the schedule prepared by the State Department Adams county will be entitled to elect one Senator.

Only students who have earned at least sixteen credits in solid subjects in classified high schools may be elected to the Assembly and all candidates for the Junior Legislature must have passing grades in at least three solid subjects for the previous semester and for the current semester. In counties having more than one member the Junior General Assembly, at least one of these members shall represent the township high schools.

Plans are being made for adequate chaperoning of the members of the Assembly during their week in Indianapolis and a number of educational features, in addition to the actual routine work of the Legislature is also being arranged. The Junior Legislators will be given an opportunity of hearing some of the outstanding men of the state during the week.

GUNMAN HELD FOR FEDERAL AUTHORITIES

(Continued from Page One)

the detectives, pulled alongside.

"Does Doctor Spurgeon live here?" the captain inquired of the bandit.

The bandit dropped his hand to his coat pocket. Puckett asked "What number is that house there?" With that remark he attempted to seize Chapman's hand but the bandit was too quick to be taken by surprise and he jerked the gun from his pocket, drawing it on the captain. Detective Harry Brown lunged at the mail robber, striking him in the face with his fist as the gun was fired. The shot brushed Captain Puckett but he was uninjured.

Chapman was pinned to the ground and the long hunt over the entire country was at an end.

"Damn the man who turned me in for blood money," Chapman told the officers.

Several questions were asked Chapman by Inspector Kelley, of the post-office department, who arrived on the scene immediately after his arrest.

"Chapman, you're a smart fellow and have gotten by a good many times," he said.

"Yes," the prisoner replied, sullenly, "but look at me now."

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Heavily guarded in the Marion county jail here is a mail robber, safe blower, gunman and suspected murderer, known to the police as Gerald Chapman.

Recognized from photographs by police of Muncie, Ind., the notorious "brains" of the \$2,000,000 New York postal robbery, who later escaped from Atlanta penitentiary, tried to shoot his way free but was overpowered.

On his person and in his possession when he finally yielded to numbers, Chapman had \$7,500, several gold watches, files, two bottles of nitroglycerine and a revolver. Police say he admitted his identity.

"Don't jar the grip," the man said when he was taken into custody in Muncie. "There's enough soup in there to blow up the court house."

Chapman laughed when examined about his record.

"I'm not going to live long enough to serve all the years they'll stick me with," he said.

"I'm guilty of a lot of things—some big crimes included—but there's lots of things they're accusing me of unjustly."

Chapman was the brains of the most sensational mail robbery in New York City when he and two companions held up a mail truck on Oct. 24, 1921 and escaped with cash and securities valued at more than \$1,400,000.

A man of scholarly attainments and appearance, Chapman was of the fictional school of "gentleman burglars." While a nation-wide and even world-wide search was conducted, he travelled about the country and Europe with impunity.

At last one of the bandits was captured, confessed and implicated Chapman and George Anderson. The pair were arrested, sentenced to 25 years imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. Very little of the loot was recovered.

Chapman had added to his successful robberies, holdups in Niagara Falls, Binghamton and Fulton, N. Y.

The bandit made an ineffectual dash for freedom when he was being questioned at the postoffice. He ran to an open window, clambered out on the coping, crawled around the building and entered another room only to be captured.

Six months after he entered Atlanta, Chapman and Frank Grey, a forger, were hospital patients. They made ropes of their bed sheets and during the night gained the ground in safety. Then they short circuited the electric wires that controlled the lights of the penitentiary and went over the walls with the aid of grappling hooks supplied by confederates.

In the chase that ensued, Chapman was severely wounded in the hip and arm. Both he and Grey were captured.

Utilizing the same method as in his previous escape, Chapman's efforts met with success eight days later. In this adventure a 30-foot drop to the ground was necessary, after which Chapman went back into the hospital and hid in the basement. There he remained until the following day when he was found by a nurse. The nurse fainted and in the excitement Chapman walked out of the building.

State Line.—Clarence Rouse had a narrow escape from death when he drove his car into a locomotive on the Wabash railroad here.

Portland.—Jay county's oldest resident is nearing the century mark. "Grandma" Lavina Pouch, an inmate of the county infirmary here will be 100 years old February 17.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY JAN. 28-29

(Continued from Page One)

Macklin.

John Hargrave, his father, George Wittgenfeld.

Mrs. Hargrave, his mother, Eloise Lewton.

Mrs. Sloan, Helen Christen.

Sam Eustace, in love with Beatrice, Clyde Cline.

Beatrice Sloan, Mrs. Sloan's daughter, Lee Anna Vance.

Captain of the S. S. Florida, Hugh Andrews.

Doctor, Ralph Kenworthy.

Boatswain, Chalmers Everett.

Sailor, Harold Lawson.

Steward, a colored servant, Carrol Cole.

Stewardess, Jeanette Clark.

Cabing Girls

Misses Esther Biggs, Georgia Slasher, Nellie Brodbeck, and Helen Eady.

Sailors

Kathryn Hyland, Margaret Lankman, Mildred Akey, Catherine Dixon, Marguerite Kosht, Lila Mumma, Marilyn Whery, and Neva Zerkle.

Miss Mary Kathryn Schug will be the accompanist for the musical numbers.

Don't let your light bills run till the last day. A 10% penalty is added if not paid by Jan. 20. Do it today while it is on your mind. City Light Department. S-M



If you know a man who would like to buy the sweater buy of Decatur

Or, if you yourself, could use a work sweater or a play sweater at a real genuine, way down Sale Value price—tell him or let us tell you that this week and until they are gone—the opportunity—the sweaters—and the Values are at John T. Myers Cos.

All colors—all weights—any design you can think of—

98c to \$7.98

Wool Hose 25c to 89c
After Xmas Neckwear 39c to 79c
Collar attached Shirts \$1.29-\$1.69
Chalmers Union Suits \$1.15 to \$1.89
Big new shipment of
Overcoats \$16.50 to \$21.75

John T. Myers Co
BETTER CLOTHES FOR LESS MONEY—ALWAYS—
DECATUR, INDIANA

