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A FINE SPIRIT:—

Adams county's sons and daughters have travelled far and wide and many of them have won fame and fortune, but always their hearts cling to the scenes of youth and often they remind us by word or letter of the memories of the days spent here, but the Rev. L. W. A. Luckey, Ph.D.D., 43 West 54th street, New York City, has expressed his feelings in a more substantial manner by promptly and without solicitation, forwarding the sum of \$250 for beautifying the court house yard. In his letter he expresses the happiest sentiment and the best worded praise, this man of letters could pen. We appreciate the gift and the fine spirit thus displayed, but more than all the words of encouragement and the thought that this is still home, sweet home, to him.

His father, George Luckey, was a pioneer of Adams county, one of those sturdy men who built for generations then unborn and built wisely and well. He was a member of the county board when the present court house was erected and his name can be seen upon the corner stone. In his memory Rev. Luckey makes the gift with a promise of a more substantial donation to the city and county of his birth at a later date.

The gift has been accepted in the spirit it was given and the grounds surrounding the court house will be beautified and kept in such condition as to make it most attractive. After all its a fine thing to give when it means pleasure to many, a continued happier community where the money is spent, a more attractive city and county that Mr. Luckey and all the other home folks, whose duties have called them to other fields of labor, may feel proud of when they visit or hear from home. It was a splendid and unexpected surprise and for the entire community we thank the donor.

There are cases of incendiarism, due to a desire for revenge or insurance money but they are few. Not many persons are arrested on charges of arson. The fires that are started deliberately constitute but a very small percentage of the whole record of destruction. What those interested in fire prevention have tried to emphasize from year to year is that most fires are due to carelessness and could be prevented if the owners of property, factory employees and others would exercise as much care and intelligence about fire hazards as they do about other things.—Indianapolis News.

The Camp Fire girls have inaugurated a movement to change the name of flapper to modernists and with Colleen Moore as leader of an army of 160,000 may make some progress. To those of us still some what old fashioned it seems however that a better campaign would be one to encourage the girls to hide their knees, throw away the "point pot," get back to being themselves and remember that modesty is more attractive than all the "go-gaws" of modern style.

A "Home Coming" for the graduates of the Decatur High School and a banquet in the evening is being planned and is sure to prove a popular and a most delightful event for the Alumni with plans for carrying it on from year to year. For some time

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

PROPER STEAMS
RUN NICE BOT
IT ROD DEW PA
C A WEDGE B R
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a lack of interest from the outside has been noticeable. To whom more than the former students can we look for a revival of attention which will make the schools better for the children of today? Every alumnus should assist those in charge to put this over BIG.

How to get the most from your soil with the least injury to the farm is a question that should be of great interest to every land owner. If it is you will secure valuable information by visiting the "Better Soil Special Train" which will be in Decatur next Tuesday, October 13th. Ten farmers will be given two tons of limestone free to try out the next year. Experts on soil and how to care for it will accompany the train.

D. C. Stephenson, whose word he declared "is law" in Indiana, has been indicted again, this time for having conspired to burn his home at Irvington, to collect the insurance. Stephenson is in jail at Noblesville, awaiting trial on a charge of murder, but it is said his recommendations continue to have considerable weight with the administration. Anyway he has probably not had a very pleasant summer.

Eighty per cent. of all the fires are preventable. It may interest you to know that the total losses in the United States was \$550,000,000, a per capita of \$5.00, which is eleven times greater than the per capita loss of all the countries of Europe.

Big Features Of RADIO Programs Today

TUESDAY'S RADIO FEATURES

WLS, Chicago, 345-M, 7:20 p. m. (C.S.T.)—Old English Program.
KSD, St. Louis, 545-M, 6:45 p. m. (C.S.T.)—Veiled prophet parade.
WEAF, New York, 492-M, and hook-up, WEEI, WFL, WCAE, WGR, WJAR, WWJ, WCCO, WOC, WCTS, 9 p. m. (E.S.T.)—Old time ballad program with soloists, mixed quartet and orchestra.
WEAF, New York, 492-M, with hook-up, WCCO, WFL, WCAE, WGR, WWJ, 10 p. m. (E.S.T.)—Verdi's opera, Il Trovatore, WEAF grand opera company.
WIP, Philadelphia, 508-M, 8:30 (E.S.T.)—WIP symphony.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

From the Daily Democrat File
Twenty Years Ago This Day

The Semper-Paratus club of Bluffton visits at the Craig home.

Suit is filed at Logansport to test law which makes auditor and treasurer prepare city tax duplicates without pay.

Citizens Telephone Company swamped with orders for rural phones.

Peter Gaffer is painting the Holt-house drug store front.

J. M. Frisinger arrives home from Belgium with sixteen head of valuable stallions.

Dorsey Myers breaks ankle when he falls from a wagon.

The Shamrock Hotel closes at Geneva and that town is without a hotel.

W. R. C. Holds District Meet At Michigan City

Michigan City, Ind., Oct. 6.—(United Press.)—Representatives of more than fifteen cities and towns were here today to attend the thirteenth district convention of the women's relief corps.

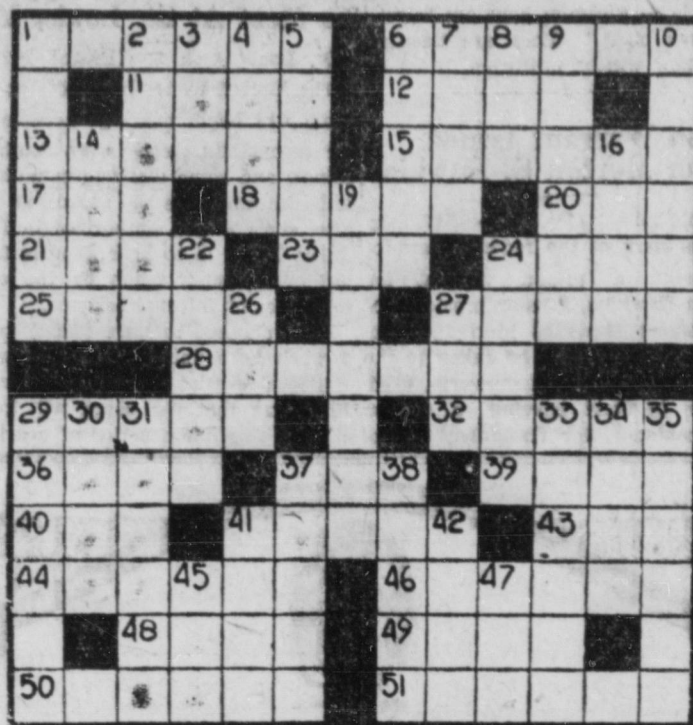
Business houses in all parts of the city were decorated with flags in honor of the visitors.

Marion—Kiwanis club paid tribute to the Rev. Earle Ellsworth, Methodist minister who has accepted a pastorate at Terre Haute, Ind.

DAILY DEMOCRAT CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.



(Copyright, 1925.)

Horizontal.

- 1—To limp
- 2—Unobtrusive
- 3—The result of destruction
- 4—A place for baking things
- 5—Shielded from the sun
- 6—A sewing implement
- 7—A marble to be used as a shooter
- 8—Not intoxicated
- 9—To bring forth
- 10—Rhythmic cadence
- 11—Distort
- 12—A musical assemblage
- 13—A girl's name
- 14—A nobleman
- 15—To make lively
- 16—A combination of musical sounds
- 17—Things owed
- 18—Organs of hearing
- 19—Not many
- 20—To classify and arrange
- 21—Cover
- 22—One who rides
- 23—Sheepfold (Scott.)
- 24—A trembling
- 25—A meal
- 26—Price
- 27—A sticky substance
- 28—Hereditary classes into which India is divided
- 29—Parts of the arms

Vertical.

- 1—To move quickly
- 2—Squabbles
- 3—A flower not yet opened
- 4—Falsehood
- 5—To settle an income upon
- 6—A medium of exchange
- 7—Above
- 8—A river in Wales
- 9—To make dear
- 10—Tendencies
- 11—To salute
- 12—Terra Firma
- 13—Platted
- 14—Ranks of ranks
- 15—Paris of vertebrates
- 16—Finish
- 17—Pertaining to the Celts
- 18—Outgrowth on the heads of men
- 19—Commands
- 20—Native place of the "Wild Man" (according to the circus)
- 21—A woody perennial
- 22—Banks of boats
- 23—Confagration
- 24—To rive
- 25—A fixed course or routine
- 26—A little brook
- 27—To entangle
- 28—A knob

The solution will appear in next issue.



PREPARATION

Here's the world, and you are in it. Look about you for a minute. Look about you and consider. What it is you want to be. Just what sort of a position. Marks the height of your ambition. Pick the kind of work you fancy. From the many that you see.

Do you fret at preparation. Call your study a vexation. Do you sigh for something easy. Which untutored minds can do.

Do you want to be a waiter. Or a dockhand on a freighter? Is street-sweeping a vocation. That's appealing unto you?

There are countless posts and places. Needing little that embraces. Constant study, and their duties. Very easily are learned. But the higher your ambition. And the higher the position. The greater must your skill be. And it's harder to be earned.

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The People's Voice

Our Road Problem

Editor Democrat:— I was glad to read the gentleman's letter on road control in last week's issue. Now, someone by chance reading one of the later letters and not the first might wonder what it is all about. I believe everyone should read all these letters, his especially, that they might understand fully our road problem. It might be recalled that he led off, objecting to a reduction in the road levy. Mine was the answer, saying that he needed an increase if the way certain roads had been ruined with impunity in one of the townships was any criterion to all his work. His answer was published this week and I wish to say that I bear him no ill will. In fact, I think just as much of him as ever.

Now let us look at some of his statements. Taking most of his letter at face value until we come to this, "If you think roads can be maintained with foolish argument and wind, you would make a valuable road man."

Now I am perfectly aware that wind is not used on the roads, yet a judicious use of more wind and less contractors, trucks might be preferable and surely would be less injurious to the roads, saving hundreds of dollars.

And this, "I can't see how you can preach tax economy out of one corner of your mouth and still are in favor of other improvements." Economy covers a large field. Suppose an official or any kind of a business man went in for a heavy expenditure on a fine car when a smaller one would have done as well and he was otherwise heavily in debt. That is an improvement, yet it is extravagance. Now suppose this same man under like

conditions, purchased a standard make of car, smaller, not so fancy and much less expensive and yet answering his purpose. That's economy, yet it is an improvement, no doubt over what he had. Applying this to official life, an official is justified in adding improvements if it is necessary as a safeguard to protect that over which he has charge. Yet there is an extreme either way. Extravagance on the one hand and neglect on the other.

I appreciate the honor the gentleman from Decatur intimates in deeming me worthy of a monument. Yes, I'm deeply touched, in fact almost as deeply as I will be when the road repair bill comes in. Yet, in thanking him for his generous spirit I beg to forgo any claim of my own in favor of him as being more deserving and easier of accomplishment.

Now I have followed Mr. Magley around again to, our subject. Roads and why they are ruined. I have always thought a good bit of him, though never seeing very much of him at any time. Our subject is bigger than either of us or both combined. I will proceed to tell a story then take up the question and endeavor to locate the bigger in the wood pile.

Once there was a colored fellow that liked to hunt rabbits, whose camp was Rosin. Rosin's dog's name was Peculah. When Peculah flushed a rabbit he started off to beat the cars and made about as much racket. But he soon lost sight of the rabbit in the weeds and bushes but continuing to make an awful fuss he would make his way back to the nest. Sticking his nose in the nest he would let out a wild bark and start out again as at first. Rosin, meanwhile had endeavored to follow Peculah. This, they would do until they were soon chasing each other and both worn out, they got no game.

Now, let's try and stick to the trail and run our game to earth. Most everyone in Adams county is more or less familiar with what happens to intervening roads when a new one is being built. They are practically scrapped in places. Now, is this fair to the people? Is it just to the taxpayers in general? Are you people satisfied with this condition of things? As the townships become more out of debt more roads will be built. Perhaps the one past your door will be the next one junked by contractors trucks. You are all familiar with the little red poster sticking on telephone poles, reading "Obey the Indiana road law." Now is this to be interpreted that the man with a wagon making a dent must beware but the contractor is immune? The highways of Adams county have been built at an expenditure of millions of dollars. Their maintenance runs way up in the thousands. Are they to be destroyed by piecemeal? Road building dates way back into history. I haven't time to trace it now. But modern road building has developed into block, brick, stone, cobble-stone, gravel and concrete. Where a county's roads are being built of stone as they are here, then crushed rock becomes a vital factor of road construction. And we are told that a contractor may haul this stone where desired if he conforms to certain conditions, though the continuous passing of his stone trucks leaves the intervening roads in a horrible shape. If this is the law it is a rank discrimination against the farmer, against the taxpayer in favor of the contractor. This law may be subject to at least two interpretations. First, if it abrogates all safeguards for the protection of our roads by the trucks, conforming to certain specifications of procedure, then our county road superintendent is absolved from blame and it is the legislators who signed this bill should be penalized. Second, if this law still left a penalty for destruction of public property then he, the destroyer, should be penalized. If such should be the case and penalty was not inflicted then who should be penalized? The taxpayers?

Here is a proposition that I wish to put to the commissioners. They may act upon it as they see fit or not at all. If our present road laws as at present construed and there is no chance of appeal or repeal, afford no protection or loophole to prevent any road in the county from becoming in to a dependable condition, then I offer this suggestion that from each stone quarry or depot of road supplies a road traversing each township shall be designated as a "heavy haul highway" said road to be given a double thickness of stone or constructed of brick, cobble-stone, paved or any material sufficient to withstand the pressure of heavy and continuous traffic. Of course, this will take money. Now, the cards are on the table face up. Choose your own hand.

Damon had his Pythias; Romeo his Juliet; Dr. Jekyll his Mr. Hyde and if we wish to smoke the nigger out of the wood pile, I ask good road superintendent that we not continue to stage a Rosin and Peculah stunt else our quarry escape and we become immortal over night.

Yours respectfully,
John Smith Farmer.

Man Killed In Fall From Hotel Window

Davenport, Ia., Oct. 6. — (United Press.)—Louis Ginsburg, head of the Ginsburg and Sons company, one of the largest furniture companies in Des Moines, was killed here early today in a fall from the ninth story of the Blackhawk hotel.



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Part Of Chilean Army Implicated In Revolt

Bulletin

Buenos Aires, Oct. 6. — (United Press.)—Three regiments of the Chilean army were implicated in an attempted revolt designed to replace former President Alessandri in power, according to special reports from Santiago today.

Alessandri is being kept virtually a prisoner in his own home, by order of the present government.

The report concerning the imprisonment of the former president of Chile is unconfirmed. Yesterday, it was unofficially announced that two officers

of the Santiago garrison tried to prise those in command of the regiments there, declaring the moment had arrived to restore Alessandri to power.

The officers were arrested and tried immediately.



Decatur Chapter Royal Arch Masons will meet Tuesday evening, Oct. 6th. Stated meeting and degree work. 23542 L. C. HELM

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