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Buy an Old Home Week badge, only twenty-five cents.

You can buy a badge for Old Home Week for two-bits, worth much more and show you are a booster for the old home town.

We always have a cold snap at this time of year which doesn't mean that winter is here. Its just a little warning that it will come sooner or later and that its well to be prepared.

Over at Montpelier, Sam Norton refused to tell the judge who his bootlegger was and got a sixty day sentence to the penal farm. Now thats a new one but we presume its the law.

Both the public and parochial schools show gains over last year, indicating not only that we are growing but that our schools are attractive and they are. A community can have no better asset than good schools and churches and we have them.

Besides the several thousand former Adams county folks who are coming here next week to meet old friends we will have the largest number of distinguished guests we ever entertained. We're ready for them and we are sure they will have a good impression of Decatur.

Don't put off too long buying a Decatur Old Home Week badge. You will want one to wear during the big week and to keep for a souvenir for they are attractive and are being sold at a close margin. The ladies will call on you tomorrow and we hope every body starts wearing a badge.

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Mrs. Florence Knapp, secretary of state in New York and the first woman ever elected to a high office in that state, was sentenced yesterday to thirty days in jail for stealing census money. She got off rather easy at that when you consider that a lot of fellows get a year or two for helping themselves to a few loaves of bread or something like that and how about the Michigan woman who goes up for life for having a bottle of beer in her ice chest?

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Columbus, Ind., Sept. 5.—(U.P.) Ab Billings, having imbibed too freely, sought out a policeman and suggested his own punishment—"just give me a good kicking." The officer obliged and Billings gratefully thanked him.

The court house lawn is being dressed for company and will be the most attractive in all its history. The court house will be decorated in line with other buildings of the town and seats will be arranged in the beautiful yard for the convenience of those who wish to use them. The commissioners and those in charge of the yard including Mr. Breiner and Mr. Gaskill are working hard and deserve the commendation they will receive. Its fine cooperation.

The Lion's club gave a half hour entertainment over the radio from WOVO last evening and we are sure it was enjoyed by many people not only here but over a wide territory. It was certainly fine, the music, the announcements and the four minute talk by Rev. H. W. Thompson. That it will aid in calling attention of thousands to the big week here is taken for granted and it was certainly splendid that so many folks could and did take part. To all of them we are grateful.

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The Nominee Likes a Hot Dog, Too!



Here's Governor Alfred E. Smith, Democratic standard-bearer, busying himself with a hot dog at one of the open stands at Syracuse State Fair. A liberal helping of mustard, a well-brown roll, plus the succulent filler, and the nominee was ready for another round of speechmaking.

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