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Before we build those fifteen cru-  
sers it might be well to have a con-  
tract that the next thing will not be  
a conference to destroy them.

They say January was the coldest  
in eleven years and we have no way  
of disproving it, though most folks  
had not noticed that it was unusual.

Some manufacturer of chewing to-  
bacco should startle the world with  
the advertisement of some movie or  
fashion leader that she likes it sweet,  
chews it fine and swallows the juice.

The farm organization favors an  
increase of one cent in the gasoline  
tax and the license fees on cars made  
permanent during the life of the car.  
That would save a lot of trouble but  
would likely decrease the road funds.

Well did you think to get your 1929  
license plates? Time is up and from  
now on you are liable if you drive  
your car without them on. Having  
them in the car or on the dresser top  
will not excuse you, according to the  
orders to the state police.

Start February off by renewing your  
subscription to the Daily Democrat.  
We are making our annual campaign  
to get every member of the big fam-  
ily chalked up to 1930 and we want  
your name along with the others. We  
promise you a better paper if we can  
possibly give it to you and with your  
support we feel we can.

The state budget as estimated by  
the legislature committee for the next  
two years is \$52,000,000 and of course  
that is more likely to grow than to  
diminish. We certainly do pay fancy  
prices for government these days and  
the queer thing about it is we seem  
to like it whether we get much out of  
it or little.

"Indiana solons swat Shumaker,"  
says a headline but they won't be  
near so "rambunctious" next year  
when they are trying to square their  
votes on prohibition funds with the  
voters. Dr. Shumaker may not be in  
the saddle then but some one will  
very likely and it will be interesting  
to watch just how they fix things up  
as of course they will just on the eve  
of the election. At least they always  
have.

Mr. Wile, broadcasting from Wash-  
ington seems a little peeved because  
"our fisherman president-elect" as he  
calls him, does not seem inclined to  
tell the reporters just what he will  
do about the selection of a cabinet  
and predicts that no one will know  
the personnel of that body until noon  
of March 4th, when the names will  
be sent to the senate for their ap-  
proval, and so far as that's concern-  
ed, most of them, except the candi-  
dates, don't care a doggone.

Representatives of the General Elec-  
tric here yesterday declared the busi-  
ness outlook is splendid and they  
are anticipating one of the biggest  
years in their history. The local fac-  
tory is moving right along and their  
annual report shows that nearly \$500,-  
000 was spent for labor here last  
year and that more than \$12,000 was  
paid to the city for electric current.  
We like their optimism and their  
methods of doing business and we

## TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Litchfield, Ill., —(UP)— Rather  
than pay \$40 per month alimony to  
his wife, Col. W. B. May, auction-  
eer of this city, has gone to jail  
and declares he intends to remain  
here indefinitely.

hope the plant here continues to  
prosper and to grow. We believe it  
will.

Tomorrow is groundhog day when  
the little animal is supposed to de-  
cide whether we will have six more  
weeks of winter or an early spring.  
Of course its all a joke and a million  
ones have been told about it. Some  
years ago when the late Henry Krick  
of this county was a member of the  
legislature and when the republican  
majority had offered innumerable un-  
reasonable bills, Mr. Krick to call the  
minds of the people to them, offered  
a resolution to change the date of  
ground hog day to later in the season.  
It had the desired effect and received  
much publicity.

If the Indiana farm plan for relief  
as offered in a bill recently presented  
and supported by a number of the  
senators and representatives, could  
be put over, every body would feel  
like making "whoopie," but it can't  
we fear. They ask drastic tax revision,  
reduction in the cost of educa-  
tion, elimination of unnecessary  
boards and commissions and other  
savings. Not only the farmer but  
every one else who is interested in a  
lower cost of government, agrees with  
them. The next thing is to get the  
laws through a legislature that seems  
determined to make a new spending  
record.

As the time approaches for consid-  
eration of candidates for the various  
offices in the city primary, we call  
your attention to the fact that the  
present administration has set up a  
high standard for efficiency and pro-  
gress. We are proud of the record  
made the past four years and we are  
sure that nothing has been done that  
can be successfully attacked. The  
men and women in charge of city af-  
fairs have used good judgment and  
the best proof is the excellent finan-  
cial condition of the treasury togeth-  
er with the many improvements made,  
the city plant is one of the best in  
the country, we have added miles of  
ornamental light posts, the streets  
have been improved and every thing  
is in tip-top condition. All this means  
much to Decatur and deserves your  
appreciation.

## \* \* \* \* \* \* TWENTY YEARS AGO \* \* From the Daily Democrat File \* \* Twenty Years Ago Today \* \* \* \* \* \*

Feb. 1—County commissioners grant  
petition for local option election in  
Adams county, will fix date tomorrow.  
Five hundred and thirteen bills have  
been presented in the legislature in  
twenty-three days.

Chicago will erect forty-six new  
school buildings at a cost of \$8,873,000.  
Fred Bohnke resigns as city mar-  
shall and Mayor France appoints Al-  
bert Butler.

Nicholas Meibers, 84, pioneer of city,  
died yesterday.

Indiana spent over two million dol-  
lars last year in the charitable and cor-  
rectional institutions.

Marriage license—Frank Hurst to  
Miss Grace Tindal.

L. O. Bears secures contract to build  
the Broadstock road in Hartford town-  
ship for \$2,399.

Little Frankie Lower has shoulder  
dislocated while at play.

Tony Conter begins duties as a re-  
porter for the Daily Democrat.

Miss Mayme Terveer entertains  
Machelor Maids at Euchur.

## \* \* \* \* \* \* BIG FEATURES OF RADIO \* \* \* \* \* \*

## FRIDAY'S FIVE BEST RADIO FEATURES

WEAF—and network 7 pm. Cities ser-  
vice hour.

WOR—and Network 8 pm. True Story  
hour.

WJZ—and network 8 pm. Wrigley Re-  
view.

WJZ — and network 8:30 pm. Philco  
hour.

WEAF—Network 9 pm. N. B. C. Con-  
cert hour.

A box of Forget-Me-Not candy  
—Holthouse's— makes a nice  
birthday gift. 28-21

Get the Habit—Trade at Home, It Pays

## The "Happy Warrior" in Florida



Pars have replaced speeches in the life of former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, defeated candidate for the presidency. He's shown in the picture making a particularly good putt on the beautiful La Gorce golf links at Miami Beach, Florida.

## MONROE NEWS

Ed Engeler, of Decatur, as a busi-  
ness caller in Monroe, Tuesday morn-  
ing.

Jacob Leichty, C. C. Sprunger and  
Rufus Sprunger were business callers  
in Monroe, Thursday morning.

Miss Ruth Schwartz, of southwest  
of town, was a caller in town, Monday  
and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Crist and  
daughter were callers in Decatur, Wed-  
nesday evening.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Foster and  
daughter, and Miss Delores Lougen-  
berger attended the church services at

Bobo, Wednesday evening.

John Johnson, of southeast of town  
was a business caller here Thursday  
afternoon.

Art Myers, of Fort Wayne, was a  
business caller in Monroe Thursday  
evening.

Mrs. Forest Andrews is visiting with  
her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and  
Mrs. Joseph Rich and daughter, Janet  
southwest of town.

R. L. Sprunger attended the church  
services at Berne Wednesday evening.

## Important Possessions

He that hath a bath hath an es-  
tate, and he that hath a calling bath,  
an office of profit and honor.—Benja-  
min Franklin.

## ANNUITIES

### WHAT IS AN ANNUITY?

A guarantee that the annuitant shall receive a check for a given  
amount each month after 50 years of age. (If desired).

### TO WHOM DO ANNUITIES APPEAL?

Particularly to people without dependents, who are desirous of  
utilizing all or a portion of their capital in such a way that they may  
be assured, beyond all peradventure, of an income sufficient for their  
needs throughout their remaining lifetime.

### ILLUSTRATION.

A man 35 years of age (whose expectancy is 31.8 years) pays  
\$280 a year for 20 years, he then assures himself of \$1,000 annually,  
payable when he becomes 55½ years old and continuing thereafter  
as long as he lives.

The EQUITABLE has assets of over a billion.  
Give us a ring for more information.

## STEELE & JABERG

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## WHY NOT NOW?

An honestly acquired SAVINGS  
ACCOUNT is worth more than its real  
money value. It gives the owner stability,  
confidence, self respect and credit.

These surely lead on to influence and  
financial success. The hardest time in sav-  
ing is AT THE START, but it is worth all  
the effort, at the FINISH. All must learn to  
save, who would prosper.

The earlier the start, the surer the suc-  
cess. Why not open an account with us,  
not next week or next year—but NOW.

## Peoples Loan & Trust Co

BANK OF SERVICE

## WHISKEY STRUCK INSTEAD OF OIL; BOOM STARTED

### Unusual Discovery Report- ed In Jay County; Mys- tery Unexplained

Portland, Feb. 1—Bootleggers may  
become heavy investors in Indiana's  
growing oil boom. Their interest has  
been riveted on a new field here by an  
unusual and unexpected discovery said  
to have been made by an oil operator  
while drilling a well here.

At a depth of 327 feet a fluid began  
to flow from the hole which was dif-  
ferent in look and smell from anything  
that had been encountered in these  
parts before. It was of amber color,  
somewhat thicker than water and a  
peculiar, faintly familiar pungent odor.

The drillers submitted samples to  
chemists. Analysis just completed  
shows the liquid to be high-grade 100  
proof whiskey.

Oil men were at a loss to account for  
the whiskey well until an old Indian  
legend was recalled. According to this  
story the "prophecy of Joseph" reached  
the inhabitants of this country,  
several thousand years ago and a  
large quantity of corn was stored here

as was done in Egypt in anticipation of  
a world famine.  
The famine did not materialize, how-  
ever, and millions of bushels of corn  
remained in cribs until a glacier drove  
the inhabitants from the country and  
buried the grain under hundreds of  
feet of ice.

When the glacier had passed, a large  
quantity of mash remained, as well as  
thousands of fallen trees. In time the  
wood dried out and took fire from  
lightning, distilled the mash.

The fire was extinguished by a  
heavy rain, leaving many partly burn-  
ed and charred oak logs. In this char-  
coal the whiskey has been aged for  
3,000 years, which accounts for its high  
quality and thickness. It was covered  
over by subsequent geological forma-  
tions and remained in the ground un-

til discovered by the drillers.  
Exact location, of the well has not  
been disclosed, in spite of the fact that  
rumor says fabulous sums have been  
offered for the information by Chicago  
racketeers. It is known, however, to be  
located in Wabash township, in the  
northeastern part of Jay county.

### British Titles

The title of knight is not hereditary.  
The title of baronet, which also car-  
ries the prefix "Sir," is in order of  
precedence the lowest hereditary title  
in Britain.

### Both Wholesome Trees

Solitude is as needful to the imagi-  
nation as society is wholesome for  
the character.—Lowell.

## Good Advice- is beyond Price!

Thus runs an old proverb. And that it  
holds good on matters financial as  
well as everything else, there is no  
question. You know what they often  
say—"two heads are better than one."  
Which we will qualify with—"yes, if  
the other is the wiser and the more  
experienced!"

Money can't buy Financial Advice  
in this Bank. But your friendship  
CAN! It'll get you counsel backed by  
many years experience on any finan-  
cial problem - - Savings, Investments,  
and so on. Your confidence will be  
red inviolable.

THIS IS YOUR BANK—

LET IT SERVE YOU!

## Old Adams County Bank

## It's a neighbor-maker

OVER in the bunkhouse the boys of the Bar-C out-  
fit have Kansas City on the radio. In her Park  
Avenue apartment, the slim fingers of a famous  
actress turn the dials, and the same music leaps  
forth. Forty miles north of Milwaukee, Chris Jon-  
sen, the dirt farmer, is listening in on the same  
wave-length.

The same sort of thing is going on everywhere, all  
over the country, at all hours of the day and night.  
Folks in Los Angeles see the same movies, and ride  
in the same automobiles that New Yorkers enjoy.  
The resident of Seattle wears the same sort of  
clothes, eats the same brand of bacon, and lives in  
the same kind of house as his neighbor in Portland,  
Maine.

Advertising has done it. Advertising, the miracle  
worker, keeps everyone in the land attuned to the  
latest in everything. It has changed the buying  
habits of a nation. It is the great modern force that  
makes neighbors of the people of far countries, that  
brings the best of their customs to us, and takes  
ours to them.

Reading the advertisements will keep you  
abreast of the times.

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