

# THE DECATUR DEMOCRAT.

## Decatur Markets.

Oats 36.  
Eggs 20.  
Corn 50.  
Butter 18.  
Flax seed \$1.25.  
Wheat 1.20 @ 1.25.  
Clover seed \$4.50 @ \$4.60.  
Timothy seed \$1.50 @ \$2.00.

## Locals.

School Monday.  
'81 is among the by-gones.  
The ice question is still a subject of debate.

Who has not heard of Lew. Wagoner's baby?

The Knights of Pythias boys have received their new instruments.

Jake Martin had a rush of business during the holidays.

The Fort Wayne Gazette says Bluffton is trying to capture the coal road.

The young people had a pleasant time at Dr. Dorwin's on Tuesday evening.

Wanted at the Burt House, a dining room girl. Wages two dollars per week.

Quite a number of callers were entertained at THE DEMOCRAT office last Monday.

Learn to say no. Spurgeon says it will be of more use than to be able to read Latin.

Dick of the Burt House prepared a number one dinner for his guests on Sunday last.

Santa Claus' deputy at this place is a fraud, and THE DEMOCRAT will petition for his removal.

The "Merry Makers" that played here on Thursday and Friday evening were poorly patronized.

A. Kroeber, of the cigar store is having such a rush of business that he has had to increase his force.

The Odd Fellow's building is to be extended back to the alley and will, probably be built three stories high.

The hop to be given by the K. of P. Cornet Band promises to be the grandest of the season. The floor will be waxed.

There will be a grand social hop at K. P. hall under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias Cornet Band, Friday night, January 13, 1882.

The contractors on the Chicago & Atlantic R. R. are using dynamite to loosen up the clay in the cut where the road crosses Mercer street.

If the Methodist folks had put something up to be voted for to be given to the fellow who wears the most dilapidated old hat in Decatur, THE DEMOCRAT would have had some show for carrying off the prize.

Our columns contain all the information we have to give to a subscriber, writing from Geneva, as to what the teachers of Adams county are doing. And as to whether anyone attended the State Teachers Association.

W. G. Spencer received a telegram from South Bend, Wednesday, informing him of the serious illness of his father-in-law, Rev. J. H. Nevins, and that he could not in all probability live over another day. Mrs. Spencer left yesterday for South Bend.

St. Marys Lodge, I. O. O. F. No. 167, elected the following officers to serve the next term: C. N. Spencer, Noble Grand; Titus Ernst, Vice Grand; John H. Steele, Recording Secretary; W. G. Spencer, F. A. Gillig and J. A. Christen, Trustees.

If the lawyer who discovered the mistakes in the bar docket had had sense to do, he would, probably, have discovered more errors than the Journal says he did. A busybody has no time to do the subject justice. An idler should be employed on that mission.

The press gang of this country will take notice that their Gordon job presses do not amount to shucks. The only real good press is the amateur job press. The Journal of last week is our authority for this. We believe that Ed. Phillips would be a competent instructor in the art of making mud pies.

The New Year dinner at the Miesse House was a grand spread, and partaken of by a large number of invited guests and others. The menu, as to variety and quality, was all that the most exacting epicure could desire. The crowded state of our columns prevents us from furnishing it to our readers in full.

The gas apparatus at the M. E. church works very well, and affords a good light, so far as it has been tested. It is said that cold weather is the severest test for this kind of a light. That if the pipes get chilled, it does not afford so clear, steady and bright a light, as in warm or moderate weather. As we have had no severe cold weather since it has been in use, it is impossible to foretell how it will work under such a test.

Those fellows who were tearing down signs, between eleven and twelve o'clock Saturday night, had better go slow, or their pranks will get them in trouble. It costs money to put up signs, and no one can destroy the property of another, without incurring the risk of being prosecuted for malicious trespass, which is a very unpleasant position to occupy, as some one will surely learn some of these days.

Those who subscribed to aid in starting a Foundry and Machine Shops at this place, are requested to pay the same within ten days to Jacob Hart, the proprietors having complied with all the conditions of the subscription. The proprietors are now ready for business, and all orders for repairing or new work will receive their prompt attention. We hope all who have patronage to bestow upon the new enterprise will help the young men by giving them their work.

Arrangements have been made with Dunbar's lecture, musical and dramatic agency for the appearance of the Lyric Combination; G. Paul Smith, in his personations; lecture by Miss F. Lee and Miss Eliza Young, the latter, late of Brigham Young's Marriage Association, having held certificate number nineteen, which her experience well qualifies her to describe in a public lecture. These entertainments will be under the auspices of a club of our citizens who desire to furnish something better and more instructive than is usually furnished to towns of this size. THE DEMOCRAT bespeaks for them the patronage of the public, assuring them they will get value received. Particulars of the time and place of these entertainments will be given in due time.

John Coffee, whose conviction last week of attempting a deadly assault, particulars of which will be found in the court proceedings, had a narrow escape at the hands of the jury from the penitentiary. He has been repeatedly fined for lesser offences, and escaped punishment altogether in others. The knife seeming to be his favorite weapon in most of his troubles, and he always gets into trouble when under the influence of whiskey. Taking it altogether, he has been fortunate in getting out of his many fights with very light punishment. This should be a warning to him, and we hope will be. Whiskey is the cause of all this trouble. It will cause him more in the future, unless he should cease using it. This we hope he will do, when he has served out his time in the Allen county jail.

## Personals.

Rufe Allison, spent Sunday with his parents.

M. P. Welch was on the sick list last week.

Mr. Jim Stoops, is visiting friends in the city.

Sam Roth, of the Bluffton Banner, is in town.

Misses Kate and Emily Numbers spent vacation with their parents.

Ed. and Allie Shaffer, of South Bend, are visiting friends in Decatur.

Andrew Fritz, of Fort Recovery, Ohio, is visiting his mother, of this place.

Miss Maggie Studabaker returned to the M. E. College, Fort Wayne, on Monday.

Miss Hattie McGriff, of Ridgeville, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Lewis Whipple.

Miss Ida Eichelberger, of Portland, Sundayed in Decatur, the guest of Maggie Hill.

Dr. Stone and family, of St. Marys, who were visiting E. Woods, returned home Monday.

Miss Vi. Foster, who was visiting Miss Jessie Allison, returned home Monday afternoon.

Harvey Hart, formerly of this place but now of Lima, Ohio, Sundayed with his parents in Decatur.

Mr. T. D. Moore of the C. & A. railroad, is spending a few weeks with his wife in New York city.

O. H. Jeffries, of Greenville, Ohio, has been enjoying a visit with friends at this place for the past week.

Mr. E. B. Walkup and family, of the Delphos Courier, returned home Monday, after a pleasant visit of a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Thompson, of Fort Wayne, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Rout, returning home Tuesday.

Superintendent Luckey was in Indianapolis last week, attending the meeting of the State Teachers Association.

V. B. Simeone and family, of Monroe, spent a few days in the city visiting friends and relatives, returning home Monday.

Miss Julia Fitzgerald left for Chicago, Monday, to visit her brother, and to Elgin, Ill., to visit friends. She will be absent several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Dorwin and Anna Lewis went to Bluffton, Monday afternoon to attend a concert given by Prof. Ogden, Monday evening.

Mrs. R. B. Allison, Mrs. A. J. Hill, Mrs. B. W. Sholly, Ida Roebuck, of Delphos, Ida Eichelberger, of Portland, Jessie Allison and Maggie Hill, kept open house at R. B. Allison's, Monday.

## M. E. Church Fair.

After a solid week's work the M. E. church fair closed at a late hour Saturday night. The attendance throughout the week was large, the number present gradually increasing up to Saturday night, which brought the big crowd of the fair, packing the room so densely that it was difficult to get around.

The most popular and exciting feature of the fair was the voting of articles to different parties.

Monday night, the contest was among the lively men over a bridge, donated by Allen Hart, and brought \$18.25.

Tuesday night twenty-four yards of carpet, in which the widows were competitors, was carried off by Mrs. Emma Hart, and brought \$35.74.

Wednesday night a child's dress to the young misses of the town, donated by Mrs. David Studabaker and Mrs. John Niblick, was taken by Nellie Krick, bringing \$22.75.

The same evening a China tea set furnished by the Mite and Busy Bee societies was voted to the handsomest woman, and was carried off by Mrs. E. Woods, bringing \$81.66.

Thursday night a pair of wool blankets, donated by John Eiting & Co., was competed for among the widows, and was taken by Mrs. Florian Ehling, netting \$38.16.

The same evening a handsome carriage Afghan was voted to the most popular physician, and taken by Dr. S. R. Freeman, bringing \$97.05.

Friday night, an autograph quilt, containing six hundred and eleven names, donated by the Mite Society, was carried off by W. P. Rice in a contest with Revs. Carlos Adams and brought \$161.45.

J. W. Bailey donated Rev. Theo. Wilkin's picture, pastor of St. Marys Catholic church, of this place, which was contended for by members of his congregation and taken by Anthony Holthouse. Owing to some misunderstanding, a portion of those who wished to compete for it were not present, consequently Mr. Holthouse donated it back to the Mite & Busy Bee societies, when it was sold at auction Saturday night to the highest bidder and knocked off to George Smith for \$20.

The cobbler's watch, donated by Henry Vogelewe, was voted to George Roop, bringing \$11.40.

Saturday night a doll donated by Maggie Hill was competed for by the children, married folks and created considerable amusement. It went to the home of Lew Wagoner and brought the societies \$30.78.

A bird, donated by Mrs. A. J. Hill and cage by J. H. Stone was sold at auction to Mr. John Mitten, of Huntington, who donated it to the ladies societies to be voted to the handsomest girl who proved to be Miss Laura Shirey, bringing \$20.41.

A valuable gold watch was also voted to the most popular minister of this place, Rev. Metts not competing, and went to Rev. C. A. Kanouse, of the Presbyterian church, bringing \$120.65.

## RECEIPTS OF FAIR.

From Articles voted for	\$49.45
Candy and Lemonade stand	172.45
Miscellaneous stand	93.40
Fancy work stand	31.90
Japanese stand	38.14
Oyster stand	77.50
Supper table	24.60
Lunch table	4.25
Ice Cream	44.00
Grab bag	1.90
California table	12.55
Curtain Shop	6.55
Postoffice	9.98
Boquets sale	6.55
Total	\$1,443.38
Expenses	385.03
Net Receipts	\$1,058.35

State Teacher's Association.

The teachers of the State assembled at Indianapolis last week. From their proceedings we clip a synopsis of a paper read by Prof. Eli F. Brown, of the Chair of Natural Sciences, Terre Haute Normal School, on "School and Skill."

It was an ably prepared address, in which he said the Public Schools were originated by public necessity, and the most essential part of a school is the teacher. It is a question whether a person who can secure a six months' license is fit to teach even the fundamental principals of an education.

The schools are for the children and not for the teacher, nor for the political aggrandizement of individuals or parties. Among applicants for a position of school teaching the fittest should survive. There is a greater demand for competent teachers than can be supplied. In the mind's eye one can see the coming College Professor. He will not appear as a life pensioner, but rather as the worthy instrument of his high calling. The County Superintendent will not be chosen through red tape methods and political devices, but because of his merit as a practical teacher. There is a science of teaching. The profession has its history and its literature. As requisites for a skilled teacher Professor Brown suggested (1) a mastery of the fundamental principals; (2) a knowledge of the child-mind; (3) a study of methods; (4) a study of models of art in teaching; and (5) subjection to the discipline of the school. The finest teaching is found in primary schools, and a great deal of the poorer in the higher grades.

Professor Brown's paper was discussed by Professor Mickleburgh, of the Cincinnati Normal School; J. M. Strasburg, of Richmond, and Messrs. Good-

win, McPherson and Wallace. The former advocated that license to teach should not be given to incompetent persons, and insisted that therein is the science of education.

## Meeting of Town Trustees.

The board of trustees of the town of Decatur met Tuesday evening, and transacted the following business:

Jesse Niblick, President of the board sent in his resignation as President, which on motion was laid upon the table. A. J. Hill chosen President pro tem.

The petition of Billman and others to have the Monroe street sewer extended north, from Jackson street to the alley between Marshal and Jackson, was referred to Woods and Welley.

John Eiting & Co., proposed to lease 20x40 feet of the town property on Monroe street, for a period of five years to build a warehouse upon. D. M. Goodsell was appointed agent of the Board to enter into a contract with them, in case a majority of the Board concurred in the proposition and the parties could agree as to terms.

J. E. Ellsworth presented a petition in behalf of the Alert Hook and Ladder company, asking that some arrangements be made to sound an alarm, in case of fire, which was laid upon the table.

Bushnell & Schlegel were allowed per bill. \$6 85  
James Hurst, same ..... 75  
L. C. King clerk ..... 16 90  
W. Ehinger, same ..... 5 25  
John King, sr. .... 65  
H. Long, same ..... 1 55  
W. H. Goshorn ..... 7 35  
L. Rhodes ..... 45 00  
A. J. Hill, serv as trustee ..... 17 00  
D. M. Goodsell, same ..... 16 00  
John Welley, same ..... 16 00

The Marshal was ordered to collect all the belonging to the town and store them for future use.

The Board of Health of the town of Decatur was organized by selecting A. J. Hill as President and C. A. Jelleff, Secretary.

## Proceeding of Commissioners.

SPECIAL SESSION.  
The Board of Commissioners met in special session, Monday, January 2nd. They organized a county Board of Health, by electing Jonas Coverdale M. D., Secretary.

W. J. Roscherry, of Lafayette, Ind., represented to the Board that there were certain monies due the county, which he proposed to collect, and when the same had been collected and paid into the treasury he was to receive ten per cent. of the same for his services. If he failed to collect anything, the county is not to allow him any compensation for his services. His proposition was accepted.

S. G. Rolston was allowed \$14.50, for medical services to poor.

E. A. Phillips was allowed \$4.50 for printing.

G. F. Kintz et al, allowed expenses on Rhinehart ditch, \$79.75.

W. G. Spencer, goods for Court House, \$21.81.

John Hackett taking care of poor \$30.00

John Meibers service as special agent, \$4.25.

James Ross, applied for deed, for part of subdivision of county land north of town, heretofore sold to him, which was granted.

A. J. Teeple was appointed Superintendent of the County Asylum for one year, from March 1, 1882, on the same terms as last year, \$475 per year.

## Apportionment of School Fund.

The Auditor received the State Superintendent of Public Instruction's apportionment of the common school revenue to the different counties of the state this week, from which the following is compiled:

Number of children in the county between six and twenty-one, 5,632.  
Amount derived from tax \$2,907.24.  
Interest collected since last apportionment \$473.74.

Total collected and ready for apportionment, \$3,380.98.

Amount apportioned to this county, \$6,758.40.

Amount distributed to each child of school age in the county, \$1.20.

## Temperance Lectures.

Miss Aurette Hoyt, of Indianapolis, Secretary of Central Committee of the Indiana Grand Temperance Council, will lecture in Decatur next Sabbath, 8th inst., as follows: To the Young People and Children, at the Presbyterian Church at 3.45 p. m. To the citizens at the Court House in the evening. Everybody is invited to attend. She will lecture at Monmouth, Saturday evening.

## Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Decatur post office, Adams county, Indiana, for the week ending Jan. 2, 1882.

Miss Mary E. Baker, Miss Mary Stacey, William Cook, Joseph Sackett, George M. Clark, Edward or Albert Williams.  
Persons claiming for the above letters please see advertised.

B. W. SHOLLY, P. M.

## The Weather During 1881.

J. P. Christ has kept a record of the weather for 1881, which he reports for THE DEMOCRAT.

### JANUARY.

Clear days, nine; cloudy, 22; snow, sixteen days; rain, two days; snow, twenty-eight inches; rain fall, two inches.

There was fog on the 5th, 11th, 19th, and 20th.

### FEBRUARY.

Clear days, eight; cloudy, twenty; snow, fourteen days; rain, eight days; snow, nine inches; rain fall, six inches; fog on the 4th, and 5th.

### MARCH.

Clear days, eight; cloudy, twenty-three; snow, fourteen days; rain, five days; thunder, three days; snow, twenty-seven inches; rain fall, two inches; snow and thunder on the 3rd.

### APRIL.

Clear days, twelve; cloudy, eighteen; snow, six days; rain ten days; snow five inches; rain fall, two inches. Snow disappeared on the 10th.

### MAY.

Clear days, twenty; cloudy, eleven; rain, ten days; rain fall, two inches; thunder six days.

### JUNE.

Clear days, fourteen; cloudy, sixteen; rain, seventeen; rain fall, six and one-half inches; thunder, fourteen days.

### JULY.

Clear days, twenty-three; cloudy, eight; rain, eight days; rain fall ten and one-half inches; thunder fourteen days.

### AUGUST.

Clear days, twenty-three; cloudy, eight; rain, five days; rain fall, one inch; thunder three days.

### SEPTEMBER.

Clear days, twenty; cloudy ten; rain, eleven days; rain fall, five inches; thunder, six days.

### OCTOBER.

Clear days, eleven; cloudy, twenty; rain, fifteen days; rain fall, six inches; thunder, three days; frost, 18th, and 20th.

### NOVEMBER.

Clear days, twelve; cloudy, eighteen; snow, three days; rain, nine; rain fall, six inches; thunder, two days; snow on the third.

### DECEMBER.

Clear days, ten; cloudy, twenty-one; snow, two days; rain ten days; snow fall two inches; rain fall, six inches; thunder, one day.

Total for the year: clear days, 170; cloudy, 195; snow, 55 days; rain, 110 snow fall, 71 inches; rain fall, 54 inches; thunder, 48 different days.

## Small Pox and Vaccination.

Some people think there is a terrible state of affairs at this place on account of small pox and vaccination. In their imagination there is a great many cases of small pox here, a large number of them fatal; besides much sickness and quite a number of deaths from vaccination. It was supposed that fools of this kind were all dead; as they are not, it is to be hoped they will get so frightened they will never come to Decatur again.

To sensible people it is hardly worth while to dignify such rumors with a denial. The truth is as THE DEMOCRAT has repeatedly affirmed, there is not, nor has there been, a case of small pox in or around Decatur for a long time.

All, or nearly all, our people have been vaccinated, young and old, with the usual results following, local and constitutional, that are common to vaccination.

At a meeting of Kekionga Lodge, No. 65, Knights of Pythias, Thursday, Dec. 29, 1881, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

L. D. Phelps, P. C.  
Israel C. King, C. C.  
Elijah Cox, P.  
Edward A. Phillips, K. of R. & S.  
Mark McConnell, M. of Ex.  
John P. Quinn, M. of F.  
Geo. W. McConnell, M. at A.  
John W. Edwards, I. G.  
Otto Miller, O. G.

Representative to the Grand Lodge, Mark McConnell.  
Trustee for the ensuing three years, Byron H. Dent.

If you have a cold or cough of any kind, buy a bottle of Hill's Peerless Cough Syrup. Use it all. If not satisfied, return the bottle and I will refund your money. I also sell the Peerless Worm Specifics on the same terms, no cure no pay. Cobb's Little Podophyllin Pills will cure Headache, Biliousness, Constipation, etc., or no pay. One pill a dose.

DORWIN & HOLTHOUSE.

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## NOTICE.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned are requested to call at his store and settle their accounts between this and the 1st of February, 1882. All accounts unsettled March 1st, 1882, will be left with the proper officer for collection.

W. G. SPENCER.

Jan. 6, 1882.—w4.

## Fire.

Call on Wicks & Merryman at their office, and have your house insured in a first class company, at low rates. Otherwise do not call on them with a subscription paper when your house burns.

Strayed from W. Smith, two miles northeast of Decatur, about five weeks ago, a spotted sow, about 200 lbs in weight, marked with a swallow fork in left ear and slit in the right.

## The "Jack in the Box" at the cigar store is what all the boys smoke.

POULTRY WANTED! We will pay the highest market price for poultry. KRIK & MANGOLD.

Proof Positive—We have the most positive and convincing proof that Thomas' Electric Oil is a most effective specific for bodily pain. In cases of rheumatism and neuralgia it gives instant relief.

The largest and finest stock of ready made clothing for men, boys and children in Decatur, will be found at M. Bremerkamp's.—tf.

If you want boots and shoes at your own price, call at M. Bremerkamp's.—tf.

The finest line of carpets and oil cloth to be found in Decatur, is at M. Bremerkamp's.—tf.

In order to close out my stock of boots and shoes I will sell them at cost. M. Bremerkamp.—tf.

Joseph Darringer, Broadway, Buffalo, was induced by his brother to try Thomas' Electric Oil for a sprained ankle; and with half a dozen applications he was enabled to walk around again all right.

## COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned commissioner appointed by the Adams circuit court, in case of Samuel L. Lesauve vs. Eliza J. Crookette, et al, will on and after

MONDAY FEBRUARY 6, 1882, at the law office of Peterson & Huffman at Decatur, Indiana, offer for sale at private sale the following described real estate situated in Adams county, State of Indiana: to-wit: Lots No. 52 and 53 in the town of Geneva.

On the following terms, viz: One-half in cash and one-half in one year from day of sale, deferred payments to bear six per cent. interest from date of sale, to be payable without relief from valuation or appraisement laws and to be secured to the satisfaction of the undersigned.

E. A. HUFFMAN, Commissioner.

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## BUILDINGS MOVED ON SHORT NOTICE.

I have just purchased a new and improved block and tackle and have the best set of jack screws in the country