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DEMOCRATIC JUDICIAL CONVENTION

The Judicial convention will be held at Portland, Ind., Wednesday, May 16, 1894, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Judge of the 26th Judicial Circuit and a Prosecuting Attorney for said district. The basis of representation to be one delegate for each 200 votes cast for Matthews for governor and one for each fraction of 100 and over.

GEORGE W. BOLDS, Com  
JOHN HANLIN.

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With this issue of the DEMOCRAT we grasp another round in the ladder of fame and longevity. For thirty-seven years the DEMOCRAT has been a co-laborer with the people of Decatur and Adams County in all enterprises of a public and beneficial nature, and we believe that the task assumed by us in these various enterprises has been fulfilled in a manner satisfactory to all.

Our aim in the newspaper business is to do right by all people; irrespective of their political or religious affiliations. In this we may occasionally err; but as we don't lay claim to infallibility, we may still be as infallible as those who would rate us otherwise.

The DEMOCRAT is Democratic from principle. Its mission in Decatur and Adams County is to advocate and maintain the principles of that party as we know them from such learned Apostles of that faith as Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Grover Cleveland. Sectarianism, in whatever form presented, cannot be countenanced by any political journal without jeopardizing its chances of popular respect in any community.

This number of the DEMOCRAT, (as will be all subsequent numbers), is changed from a patent inside to all-home print. The size of the paper is also cut down slightly, it now being a six-column quarto instead of seven as heretofore.

LET OUR CITY COUNCIL give a we-bit of attention to having the alleys cleaned up to a healthful appearance.

THE McKinley law is still getting in its work, enriching the corporations and bondholders, and robbing the laborer and farmer.

THE President has to change col-lars three times a day. We could better account for his heated condition if more Republicans were fired out.

"SEEN-YUR-AGE" is the way that "Bland Bill" word is pronounced. Should the President fail to signature it and make it a law, there can be but one reason assigned for failure,—too bad.

THE DEMOCRAT would suggest to the merchants of the City of Decatur, that they hang up a purse of \$500 to the neighborhood in Adams county which first takes up and completes a stretch of Gravel Roads leading into Decatur of two or more miles in length. Let our merchants take this suggestion under consideration at once.

THE Health Officer's attention is called to the filthy condition of Court Street. The City Council and others in authority who should not allow this thoroughfare to be used as a feed yard, are either neglecting their duty as officials, or are incapable of knowing their duty when they see it.

## DEMOCRATIC CITY TICKET!

Dem.	For Mayor, A. P. BEATTY.
Dem.	For Clerk, FRANK CRAWFORD
Dem.	For Marshal MILLIARD F. COWAN.
Dem.	For Treasurer F. E. MCLEAN.
Dem.	Councilman—First Ward J. W. PLACE.
Dem.	Councilman—Second Ward BARNEY J. MEIBERS.
Dem.	Councilman—Third Ward PETER CONTER.

## COUNTY TICKET.

Dem.	For Auditor. W. H. H. FRANCE.
Dem.	For Clerk. JOHN H. LENHART.
Dem.	For Treasurer. DANIEL P. BOLDS.
Dem.	For Recorder. HARVEY HARRUFF.
Dem.	For Sheriff. PETER P. ASHRAUCHER.
Dem.	For Coroner. S. C. CLARK.
Dem.	For Surveyor. W. E. FULK.
Dem.	For Commissioner—2nd Dist. CONRAD BRAKE.
Dem.	For Commissioner—3rd Dist. DAVID ECKROTE.

## JUST NOW WE NEED THEM.

A number of our most prominent citizens were discussing the length of time that would intervene before Gravel Roads would be constructed and leading into Decatur from all sections of the County. Some thought within ten years this would all be accomplished; while others put the time at twenty-five years.

Gerhart Berling being one of the party in the discussion, sandwiched the conversation by giving his experience on sewer building in Decatur twenty years ago, when the Jefferson street sewer (the first one undertaken in Decatur) was built.

He said property owners on each side of the street adjacent to this sewer were assessed as high as forty dollars for every sixty-six feet front. This took the breath away from a good many of the property holders for a short while; some claiming that it would break them up, that they would be compelled to sell out and leave the town. Mr. Berling was a property owner adjacent to the Jefferson street sewer when it was built. He, like a great many other people of that time in Decatur, thought this matter of sewer building a useless undertaking. He had never experienced the great benefit to property and health that these sewers afforded, and thought it an exorbitant assessment.

He thinks differently now, and says rather than be deprived of the use of this Jefferson street sewer or some other, he would allow himself to be assessed three times the amount then paid.

The time is ripe for farmers in Adams county to look this matter of gravel road building square in the face. They should realize at once the great benefit derived therefrom over the present mud roads. Not a farm in the county but what would enhance in value twenty per cent if good gravel roads were constructed in close proximity thereto. Buyers from other neighborhoods in search of farms generally enquire into the condition of roads in any county when making purchases.

The DEMOCRAT would like to see our farmers take such an active interest in this matter of road-building this year that at least one "stretch" of several miles would be completed before August 1.

WHERE is the manufacturer or corporation that did increase the wages of the laborers after the McKinley law went into effect?

## LET IT WAVE.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Legislature providing that no other flag than the stars and stripes shall float over public buildings in that State on any occasion. This law seems to be necessary in New York where there is often much doubt whether the people understand what patriotism requires of them or not. It is well known that Wall street is a dependency of Great Britain, while the City Hall seems to be an appendage of the ancient Irish kings. Here in Indiana we need no law to remind us that the United States of America are free and independent and that being free it is the right of any of her naturalized citizens to fly the flag of their native land on occasions when such display of the colors of fatherland is appropriate.

No citizens are more loyal to the Stars and Stripes than our foreign-born citizens and the patriotism of a man who does not find his heart stir with pride and love for his mother country occasionally can no more be trusted than the wretch who would dishonor his mother's good name. No one is fit to be a citizen of a free country who must be reminded of his duties as a citizen by constantly waving his country's flag before his eyes. The flag of the United States is an inspiring ensign that every true American would fight and die for, and none more cheerfully and bravely than foreign-born citizens without whose valor and devotion to the cause of independence there would be no flag of the Union in existence. As long as it represents a government of the people, impartially guarding their liberties and securing to them the full fruits of their industry, it will be revered and honored in this and every other land under the sun. It is what a flag represents that makes it the object of respect and affection and therefore it is more important to preserve the free institutions of which the flag is but the symbol than to bestow upon the flag itself idolatrous worship. Let the stars and stripes wave as long as this land continues to be the land of the free and the home of the brave, but no longer.—Evansville Courier.

WHILE the Wilson bill is what will be a good law when once on the statute books, Congress can give as much relief to the people by passing a law that will allow the people the right to say who their officers shall be. Elect every officer from President of the United States down to the man who drives the tramp from the town. Give the people a chance, and officers will be honest and efficient.

## HERE'S YOUR CHANCE.

We have parties here who are anxious to build gravel roads for our people. They will contract to build roads out on each of the main thoroughfares from the city a distance of six miles for two thousand dollars per mile. The roadway to be sixteen feet wide and the gravel or broken stone fourteen inches in center and eight inches on each side,—thus making a roadbed that will last forever. This is a chance that may never come to our farmers again.

## ENGLAND AND HER LORDS.

A majority of two votes in the House of Commons favoring an amendment to the reply to the Queen's address, to the effect that it is the sense of the Commons of England that the House of Lords be abolished, is only startling because of its suddenness and unexpectedness. The House of Lords will not be abolished—in this century at least. A fact of significance in the recent vote in the Commons is that such a motion should receive the votes of more than 70 members outside the Irish contingent. These votes came from Radicals representing English, Scotch and Welsh constituencies. But the most significant fact of all is that if the division had been expected, and the full vote of the house polled, the motion would have met defeat by an overwhelming vote.

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## PROGRAM

Of the Fifty-first Session of the Northern Indiana Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held at the First Methodist Episcopal church, Bluffton Ind., April 4th to 9th, inclusive.

## MONDAY, APRIL 2ND.

7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. C. King, of Hartford City, Ind.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD.

8:00 A. M. Examination of classes in course of study.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH.

8:30 A. M. Devotional and Sacramental Services, conducted by Bishop D. A. Goodsell, D. D.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH.

12:00 M. Adjournment.

2:00 P. M. Lecture, "The Value of the Study of Oratory in the pulpit," by Rev. George K. Morris, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

3:00 P. M. Annual Meeting of "The Preachers Mutual Aid Society."

7:30 P. M. Anniversary of the Missionary Society; address by General Secretary, Rev. C. C. McCabe, D. D., New York.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH.

8:30 A. M. Devotional services, in charge of Rev. C. E. Distro, Greencastle, Ind.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH.

9:00 A. M. Conference Business.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH.

12:00 M. Lecture, "Pulpit or Sacred Oratory," by Rev. George K. Morris, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

3:00 P. M. Annual Meeting of "The Woman's Home Missionary Society." Address by Rev. George K. Morris, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

7:30 P. M. Anniversary of "The Church Extension Society;" address by Rev. Milton S. Hard, D. D., Kingston, Pa.; after which the Bishop will hold a reception in the Chapel of the Church until 10:00 p. m.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH.

8:30 A. M. Devotional Services in charge of Rev. E. E. Neal, of Peru, Ind.

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12:00 M. Lecture, "Pulpit or Sacred Oratory," by Rev. George K. Morris, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

3:00 P. M. Anniversary of "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," in charge of Mrs. C. G. Hudson, Conference Secretary, W. F. M. S.

4:00 P. M. Anniversary of "The Epworth League," in charge of the Conference Committee on Epworth League.

7:30 P. M. Temperance Anniversary; address by Rev. A. E. Mahin, Ft. Wayne, and Rev. H. A. Gobin, Greencastle, Ind.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH.

9:00 A. M. Conference Love-Feast, in charge of Rev. E. Holdstock, Muncie, Ind., and Rev. A. Greenman, Marion, Ind.

10:30 A. M. Sermon by Bishop D. A. Goodsell, D. D., followed by the Ordination of Deacons.

3:00 P. M. Memorial Service, in charge of the Conference Secretary, Rev. C. G. Hudson, D. D., of Noblesville, Ind., followed by Ordination of Elders.

## MONDAY, APRIL 9TH.

6:30 P. M. Epworth Devotional Service in the Chapel, in charge of Rev. J. K. Waits, Winchester, Ind.

7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. J. P. D. John, D. D., Greencastle, Ind., followed by revival services led by Bishop D. A. Goodsell, D. D.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH.

8:30 A. M. Devotional Service in charge of Rev. A. S. Wooten, Auburn, Ind.

9:00 A. M. Conference Business.

Pendegast, the assassin of Mayor

Harrison has been granted a two weeks

stay of execution by the governor, to

inquire into the murderer's sanity.

Lieutenant-Gov. Gill said that this

was a duty devolving upon him which

he preferred some one else had to deal

with; that from defense he could gather

Pendegast was insane.

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## SENATOR BLANCHARD.

Career of the Man Appointed to Succeed E. D. White.

Louisiana's new United States senator, Newton C. Blanchard, had sufficient par-

liamentary ex-

perience in the