

Business Directory.

THE DECATUR NATIONAL BANK.

DECATUR, INDIANA.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$100,000.

OFFICERS:—P. W. SMITH, President; J. B. HOLTHOUSE, Vice-President; C. A. DUGAN, Cashier; J. J. COOPER, Teller; E. X. BUNTING, Assistant Cashier.

DIRECTORS:—P. W. SMITH, W. A. KUEHN, J. H. HOBSON, D. G. M. THOMAS, J. H. HOBSON, C. A. DUGAN, JOHN B. HOLTHOUSE.

This bank does a general banking business. Loans money upon approved security, discounts paper, makes collections, sends money to any points, buys county and city orders. Interest given on money deposited, on time certificates.

The Old Adams County Bank

CAPITAL, \$120,000. ESTABLISHED, 1871.

Officers:—W. H. Niblick, Pres.; D. Studaker, Vice-Pres.; Rufus K. Allison, Cashier; G. S. Niblick, Ass't Cashier.

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Paul G. Hooper,
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Decatur, Indiana.

J. T. FRANCIS. J. T. MERRIMAN
FRANCIS & MERRIMAN,
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J. R. BOBO,
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R. K. ERWIN,
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A. P. BEATTY. J. F. MANN,
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COMMITTEES AT WORK.

Getting Ready For a Busy Week In the Indiana Legislature.

QUESTIONS OF TAXATION.

Ways and Means Committee Wrestling With the Mortgage Exemption Bill. Arrangements Being Made to Hear the Representatives of the State Institutions—General Indiana News.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 28.—The house made another unavailing effort to hold a session Saturday morning, but a roll-call was demanded and disclosed no quorum, thus necessitating an adjournment until today. The remnant of the lawmaking body took the noon trains and in a few hours none but members of the ways and means committee were left. This body remained in session from 10 o'clock until 4 endeavoring to get its decks clear for the general appropriation bill, which must be taken up this week, in order that it may not be delayed until the rush comes in the last days of the session.

The committee determined to recommend the Remey bill, taxing greenbacks, which has been amended so as to correct some other sections of the tax law, following recommendations of the state tax commissioners. It places on the schedule 10 articles that were overlooked in the law of 1891.

Mortgage Exemption. The committee has wrestled about 10 days with the Newhouse bill for mortgage exemption and has finally gotten it into shape where it can recommend its passage with amendments. As the bill is presented for passage, it exempts from taxation mortgaged real estate up to \$1,000 for each individual, provided the \$1,000 is not in excess of two-thirds of the assessed value of his property. In any event it can not go beyond two-thirds. He is entitled to exemption for only such mortgages as are owned in the state and must make affidavit showing who owns the mortgage. The auditor must then notify the auditor of the county where the mortgage is owned, in order that it may be listed for taxation. It was a very knotty problem to frame a bill that would accomplish the exemption of mortgaged real estate without letting the railroads, which are mortgaged to their full value, escape taxation. It is estimated that this will take about \$30,000,000 off the duplicates and reduce the state revenues about \$325,000 per year. This will prevent the contemplated reduction of the state levy.

State Institutions. The committee has determined to meet every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening during the rest of the session. The first four of these meetings will be devoted to hearings upon the needs of the various state institutions, and letters have been sent to the various superintendents notifying them of the fact. Tomorrow night representatives of Purdue, the State University and the State Normal will be heard; Thursday evening will be devoted to the insane hospitals; Friday evening to the deaf and dumb, blind and feeble-minded institutions and the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, and the following Tuesday night to the prisons and reformatories.

Direct Tax for State Institutions. Among the managers of these institutions, the question of a direct tax for the support of each one has been recently agitated and has met with much favor. "If such a plan can be equitably arranged," said a prominent member of the house, in discussing the subject this morning, "it would be immensely superior to the present method. The managers would then know precisely what they could depend upon and could make their plans and calculations accordingly. As it is now, it is a general game of grab every two years. Each superintendent asks for twice what his institution really needs, in the expectation that his request will be cut in two. Then they are compelled to come here and lobby and pull and haul and log-roll in a fashion that must be as disagreeable to them as it is to us. I am for the direct method if it can be arranged upon a proper basis."

But whether such a measure goes through or not, the appropriations must be made in the usual way this year, for the tax could not go into effect in time to meet their needs. The committee is pretty well prepared with data regarding the state revenues past appropriations, etc., and is ready to tackle the subject.

Many Committee Reports Ready. It will probably require at least two days to dispose of the committee reports now awaiting the action of the house. Nearly all the measures of importance now in the hands of the various committees were ready to be reported back, and many of them have been ready since last Wednesday. The house, however, never reached this order until late Thursday morning, and then on the first call the Miller-Bowers election contest came up and occupied all the remaining time. Friday morning so few were present that the order was suspended and there has been no session since.

DIDN'T GET HIS MAN.

Squire Overton Failed to Locate Deafening Treasurer Taylor.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 28.—It turns out that Squire Overton has been sold in the Taylor matter, and he will not secure the \$2,000 reward for the capture of the defrauding South Dakota treasurer, which he was so confident of raking in a few days ago. Mr. Overton and City Marshal Grimes went to Rensselaer, where the missing man was supposed to be in bed sick, at the house of Tom McCoy, a brother-in-law. Taylor was not there and had not been there. It was finally learned that Overton had been told by two drummers that a doctor of Lafayette had told them that he was going to Rensselaer three times a week to see Taylor. This was all that Overton knew about the matter, and the only source of information. The Lafay-

ette doctor had been going to Rensselaer to see Mrs. McCoy, who had been sick. On account of his prominence, many persons were originally inclined to believe the story.

JUVENILE BURGLARS.

Two Yellowback Literature Fiends Try to Rob a Store.

WABASH, Ind., Jan. 28.—F. M. Coate was aroused late Saturday night and found that burglars were robbing his store. He got his shotgun and hurried to the place and found two juvenile rascals sitting by the stove, while about them in piles lay valuable goods, collected preparatory to being carried off in coffee sacks. Leveling his gun at the pair, whom he recognized as Arthur Hendrickson, aged 20, and Bert Curtis, 17, he commanded them to throw up their hands and they quickly complied. Curtis carried an oldtime horse pistol, but offered no resistance, and both were turned over to the officers and locked up. They are in no wise abashed by their arrest. They have been reading much yellowback literature lately.

Capacity Increased.

ELWOOD, Ind., Jan. 28.—The American temple factory has increased its capacity by adding 250 extra men and starting its new addition of flour mills, thus increasing its output to 7,500 boxes of finished bright plates per week. The factory was started in 1892, and it now stands the largest plant in the United States. The plant at first only had five mills and employed 300 hands. Nine mills are now in operation and 750 men are at work. Another mill is being built and when completed the output will be about 8,500 boxes per week.

May Recover.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Jan. 28.—Warren Knowles, who was shot in the lung two weeks ago by Henry Warden, and who has been lying at St. Joseph's hospital in this city in a critical condition, is getting better and it is now thought will recover. Warden, while drunk, shot Knowles without provocation, together with Riley Ellis, who also assaulted Knowles, and have both been indicted for assault with intent to commit murder. The feeling here is intense against Warden and Ellis and there were rumors of a lynching in the event of Knowles' death.

Gritty Old Man.

ALTON, Ind., Jan. 28.—Captain John Haynes, who has quite a reputation as a flatboatman, has gained additional notoriety by floating from Leavenworth to this place on a raft made of two popular logs, with his feet tied together and his hands tied behind his back. The raft was 7 hours and 20 minutes floating down, and the old man suffered more by cold than otherwise. There were 1,000 or more people on the banks here awaiting his arrival. Thefeat was performed on a wager of \$35. Captain Haynes is 71 years old.

Antitoxin For Diphtheria.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 28.—Considerable interest has been excited here among physicians over the use of antitoxin in the treatment of diphtheria cases. Recently several experimental trials have been made with gratifying results. In one instance the treatment was applied to a patient which had been pronounced hopeless and a complete cure effected. Two other children of the same family were given injections of the serum and both escaped the disease.

Killed by a Train.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 28.—A stranger went into Stanton & Guthrie's and wanted to buy a bicycle. He asked the privilege of trying it on the street and never returned. He took the road toward Indianapolis and was tracked most of the way. He was probably one of the gang of bicycle thieves who have been operating in this state for some time.

Crushed by a Load of Hay.

FRANKFORT, Ind., Jan. 28.—Gus Luper, a farmer residing near Georgetown, was hauling a load of hay and in attempting to pass another team on the road the wagon turned over. He was buried beneath the load and when released he was in an unconscious condition, dying soon afterward.

Missing Man Heard From.

KOKOMO, Ind., Jan. 28.—John Salenberger, the Kokomo man who mysteriously disappeared 15 months ago has turned up in Philadelphia. He was supposed to be dead. In a letter to his wife this week he says he will rejoin his family soon and make the proper explanations concerning his absence.

INDIANA NEWS NOTES.

Greencastle is to have cheap bread, pounds selling two for 5 cents.

A new Masonic temple costing \$40,000 has been dedicated in Richmond.

The Century Cycling club of Shelbyville started up this morning with orders amounting to \$47,000 worth of wheels.

Henry Cuppy of Laurel, aged 81, a veteran of the Mexican war, is dead. He was the first treasurer of Jay county.

Miss Nellie E. Wood, a student of Earlham college, near Richmond, carried off first honors in an oratorical contest.

Lorenzo Todd, aged 20, while sightseeing at the Prospect Hill coal mines near Vincennes, fell down a shaft 23 feet deep and was instantly killed.

John L. Fry of Greenfield has brought a \$10,000 damage suit against Charles M. Gibbs for injuries received in a fight. Both men are well known in business circles.

Captain William D. Wiles, of the wholesale grocery firm of Wiles, Coffin & Co., Indianapolis, is dead. He was well known throughout the state.

A. J. Freck of Lynn Grove Saturday began a 30-day fast on quail and apples on a wage of \$75 that he could subsist on one quail and four apples a day for the time named.

John A. Holman, ex-judge of the superior court of Marion county, died in New York last Tuesday, news of his death not having been received at his home in Indianapolis until Saturday.

Small Concerns Jubilant.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 28.—Several of the smaller firms have been added to the list of those manufacturers who have signed the agreement with the operators, and the strikers are feeling more confident that they will win the fight.

The small manufacturers are jubilant over the state of affairs, as they are reaping a benefit while the big concerns are losing a considerable trade.

Four big manufacturers are still holding out.

INCOME TAX SHOWING.

Gratifying Reports From Collectors on a Preliminary Canvass.

ESTIMATES AS TO RETURNS.

Friends of This Tax Express the Belief That It Will Become Popular If Large Amounts Are Realized—Three Hundred Thousand Persons and Corporations Expected to Contribute.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Members of congress who believe in the income tax as an equitable method of raising revenues are gratified at the unexpectedly good showing of the preliminary canvass made by the collectors of the internal revenue at the direction of Secretary Carlisle. They believe that the greater the amount realized from this tax, the more popular it will become and the more firmly rooted as a part of the policy of the government. Representative McMillin of Tennessee says that if a large per cent of the revenue of the government is derived from this plan any attempt to repeal it before the expiration of the 5-year limit fixed in the Wilson bill will be exceedingly unpopular, and that the greater the revenue derived from it the greater will be the probability of its re-enactment at the end of its term.

When the proposition to tax incomes was before congress the profit from the scheme was at first estimated at from \$15,000,000 to \$18,000,000. Later the estimates of the committee were raised to the vicinity of \$30,000,000. Mr. Hall of Missouri, who has given more study, perhaps, to theory and history of the income tax than any other man in the house, did not place the total below \$50,000,000. From the results of the canvass of the internal revenue bureau it appears that Mr. Hall was more nearly correct than the other forecasters. He now says that the income tax may yield more than \$50,000,000 and it is known that the treasury department officials do not place its results below that mark. The showing made by 36 of the 63 districts gives ground for the estimate that about 300,000 persons and corporations will contribute to the treasury by this plan.

CONGRESSIONAL WORK.

What the National Legislature Will Endeavor to Do This Week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The week in the senate will open with the renewal of the discussion of the Hawaiian question, which promises to become the subject of several more very animated speeches before it shall be definitely and finally disposed of. The adoption of the West amendments to the Alien resolution instead of discouraging the antagonists of the administration has apparently had the effect of spurring them to even more strenuous and pronounced opposition. They express themselves as hopeful of reversing the verdict of Saturday in favor of the president's position when the next vote shall be reached, which shall be on the final adoption of the substitute. Senator Teller will inaugurate the discussion for the week with a continuation of his speech begun Saturday.

The bankruptcy bill has been given the position of unfinished business and will occupy attention for the greater part of the week. Senator George will inaugurate the debate with a speech on Monday. There are no appropriation bills before the senate, but three of those remaining unacted upon viz: The District of Columbia, the diplomatic and the postoffice bills, will be reported during the week, and it is Senator Cockrell's purpose to call them up immediately with the view of getting them out of the way as soon as possible. This he will do to the displacement of either the Hawaiian resolution or bankruptcy bill.

What the House Will Do.

The programme in the house for