

## THE DEMOCRAT

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### OFFICIAL PAPER OF ADAMS COUNTY.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7.

THE grinding of resolutions still continues at the old stand.

NOT a thing sensational happened for three days. Think of it. The Klondyke is preferable to such pesky monotony.

THE attention of our busy street commissioner is hereby directed to the indescribable mess of filth that lays decaying in the East Second street alley. Fumigation will soon be necessary.

THE municipal election at our capitol city occurs next Tuesday. The republican campaign of vilification has had but little effect and the re-election of the present mayor is almost assured.

MAYOR CARTER HARRISON in company with the Cook County Democracy, one of the strongest political organizations in Chicago, are in Indianapolis today, on their way to Nashville.

OCTOBER 29 has been designated by the governor as Arbor day, when the planting of trees is encouraged by the chief executive. Decatur will have but little interest in this, as we deal in nothing but electric light poles.

THE city council could better have been buried beneath injunctions and counter injunctions than to have permitted themselves and the city to now face the odium their actions necessarily embrace.

THE beneficiaries of the new Dingley tariff don't seem to be making any noticeable revival in the industry of farming. The prices of farm products still remain on the decline while the necessities of life gradually increase. Great are the beauties of the Dingley tariff.

As the Ohio campaign advances the hotter the opposition seems to be making it for Marcus Hanna, the political God of the republican party. He is making all kinds of frantic efforts to save himself from political annihilation, and may do so, but chances seem not to be unfavorable for the triumph of free silver, the money of the constitution. Should that prove true Mark will be buried in Salt Creek.

THE council have been accused of building monuments to their memory, in improvements that will be fully appreciated during generations to come. It is a mighty cheap way to get a monument. Of all the improvements they so proudly boast it must be remembered a future council will have the pleasure of squirming around to pay for. Any one could do business on those terms.

HENRY GEORGE has accepted the nomination tendered him by the democrats of Greater New York, and will be their standard bearer in the mayoralty contest soon to be waged there. The platform reaffirms adherence to the creed of democracy set forth in the platform adopted by the national convention of the democratic party in Chicago. The platform also sends greeting to the gallant leader, William Jennings Bryan.

BE IT resolved by this uncommon council, that we have met with more opposition in the destruction of the Edwards electric light property than we expected, so be it resolved that this unwarranted opposition to our august will and pleasure must be largely due to the fact that our terms of misrepresentation will soon expire. Therefore be it resolved, that we form a stock company and issue trust mortgage bonds, with which to pay the costs of the present suit for alleged damages.

By way of emphasis the Journal small cape the only hole the council can find in the lately resurrected Edwards franchise, which reads, "that the said council reserves the right to revoke this grant, and demand that the poles be removed and remove the same if necessary." For the enlightenment of our editorial brother we will state that the above is not a license for the council and others to commit criminal violations of law by the riotous destruction of property. In addition that franchise could only be revoked for cause, such as the maintaining of a public nuisance or the non-fulfillment of their agreement.

THE cutting of poles is liable to make a demand that will be both taxable and irresistible.

"GOOBER" MOUNT can now take a dog hunt in this city and look for white cappers. The Ripley county lynching sinks in utter insignificance.

COMES now the white caps who after licking the day lights out of a wife beater can say they were following the regulations of our city dads, the custodians of the people's interests. However, the dads are not safe angels to pattern after.

THE farmer's wife who takes ten dozen eggs to market and gets less sugar for them than she got for eight dozen three months ago, will not study a long time before she understands how a tariff bill that increases the price of sugar depreciates the price of eggs.—Ohio Patriot.

THE free advertising Decatur is receiving away from home would be valuable indeed, were not the stains of lawlessness so boldly apparent. As it is, the city's long established reputation for peace, sobriety and good will to fellow man, is now tarnished by the lawless acts of a few people, who can't even be excused with that ever prevailing remedy, indiscreteness.

GOVERNOR MOUNT strikes the nail on the head on this proposition: "Laws upon the statute books against crime are not sufficient to deter criminals. They become effective only when enforced. The execution of the law will be determined by the sentiment supporting the law. That is the situation as to the anti-trust law. When the governor and attorney general acquire an anti-trust sentiment it will be enforced."—Sentinel.

THE seeds of discord grow with alacrity. Following the butchery of Mr. Edwards' electric light poles and wires, comes the white caps, who in the dead hour of night drag a defenseless wife beater from his couch of repose and lash him in historic style. It must be true that history is repeating itself, and it also must be true that it is a self acting repeater. Let 'er go Gallagher, but remember that the mills of justice grinds slowly, but they nevertheless grind surely.

THE Mauroeville barbecue last Thursday was a ripping success, it a crowd of 5,000 enthusiastic people could make it a success. Adams county was well represented, and the best of reports come from those who attended. An all day speaking was attentively listened to and enjoyed. Able addresses by Ex-Governor Matthews, Hon. A. J. Warner of Ohio, and many others. Mauroeville did herself proud in the hospitable entertainment of so many people.

SUIT has been filed in the circuit court for the recovery of damages in the destruction of the electric light plant. J. D. Edwards is the plaintiff, and according to the complaint demands \$15,000 for the injury sustained. The DEMOCRAT don't wish to encourage the animosity existing between Mr. Edwards and those concerned with this suit, but it is an acknowledged fact that Edwards has been damaged, and that damage cannot be measured by the paltry value of the poles and wire and actual property destroyed.

IT was a niggardly trick in the Journal to try to shoulder some of the council's rot upon attorneys whose legal advice they sought.

The gem in question says that "the council believed they were right in the course they took is certain, especially as they had the advice of France & Merriman and Mann & Beatty for their action." As to one of the above named firms we know that the advice given was decidedly the reverse taken by the council. We don't believe that any of the attorneys mentioned or any other lawyer would advise any council or set of men to violate the law. The Journal's defense is as sickening as it is false.

THERE is an unusual lot of growling among the office seekers in Washington because of the little time that Mr. McKinley devotes to them. They go to the white house every day but few of them get an opportunity to see Mr. McKinley, and those who do get to see him do not get much satisfaction. He makes some appointments nearly every day, but lots of them are men whom he knows personally or wishes to reward for personal work done for him. As a result there is some plain talk in the hotel corridors from those who believe themselves entitled to official recognition and who have been led to suppose they would get it. Slowly, but surely, an anti-McKinley sentiment is growing among republicans.

WHITE capping may be deserving in many instances, but it were better that every one who may entertain this method of punishment, use their time and knowledge in seeing that justice is meted out through the channels of law. Decatur should get back to that civilized plane where courts are recognized and the laws upheld.

THE old soldiers of Adams county met Tuesday with a view of forming a county organization, the object of which will be principally social enjoyment, although many other features are accessible. Quite a number were present and the organization completed, and next year a very successful meeting is predicted. The Hon. A. O. Marsh of Winchester was present and made one of his usual brilliant and flowery speeches along the lines that always remain near and dear to the old soldiers. Hon. A. N. Martin of Bluffton, also made a short address. That evening a camp-fire was held at the court house, Judge Marsh being the principal speaker. He very ably portrayed the pride of the American people in protecting the virtue of the flag of liberty.

THE Decatur DEMOCRAT grows indignant at the action of a republican council in cutting down electric light poles, while the Fort Wayne Gazette is quite as indignant at the rock ribbed democracy of this city for the same action. It appears to be a plain case of both papers trying to make political capital out of an occurrence which is to be regretted and shows how easy it is to twist everything into politics when the twisters so desire. Somebody should now lay the blame on the prohibition party and the cycle would be complete.—Daily Journal.

Frank, your modesty is something lovely. It is the first time we have heard the subject of politics mentioned, so we readily conclude that your grand stand methods of defense of official criminalities is purely for political reasons. You defend the council and those who performed their dirty work, but at the same time think the white caps who visited the Parrish home Saturday night, should be punished for violating the laws of the state. Both are guilty, so no discriminations should be made. In speaking about political tumble-toads, you surely beat all competition and if there was any one time when you really knew where you was at, we would like to know when it was.

THE white caps have been in town as can be fully testified to by the victim of their malicious assault, James Parrish of the west end. After the cappers had finished venting their surplus stock of spleen, Jim looked as much like a skinned rabbit, as is possible. His body was a solid mass of mushy flesh, and those fortunate parts that escaped the severe drubbing of the lash were bruised and peeled. If he had been run head first through a sausage grinder he couldn't have looked worse, and we presume that he felt even worse than he looked. But this unlawful and malicious attack can't be allowed to go unenforced and we hope the officers of the law will leave no stone unturned that will bring to justice those who were interested in the attack. They should all be summarily dealt with according to the Indiana statute upon white capping. It may be true that the injured received nothing but his just deserts, but six, eight or ten persons have no right to violate the law in order to justly punish one criminal. Our laws are for the purification and justification of the ill that be. Observance of these laws must be maintained. Let it not be said that the citizens of Decatur uphold the barbarism of ante-bellum days.

THE rock-ribbed democracy of Adams county, following out its latest political creed, determined to take the law in its own hands and cut down the electric light poles of a private corporation. The perpetrators think, no doubt, they have done right. If the corporation thus injured should retaliate by blowing up the court house, or firing the town, the Decatur people would object, but really they ought not, for they have set the pace. They have preached disrespect to law, and now they are practicing what they preach. The end is not yet.—Fort Wayne Gazette.

THE Gazette is quite right in its denunciation of revolutionary acts of the Decatur city council, but unfortunately for its partisan purpose, the body is composed, with but one exception, of republicans. It is not often the Gazette tells the truth about its friends, but it did so in this instance, and well may it declare the end is not yet. It will be years before the city of Decatur recovers from the harm the partisan council has done for capital will hesitate to engage in enterprises, where it is liable to be destroyed under cover of darkness, and then, too, the violence of the council is likely to cost the people a great deal of money. Republican rule is an expensive luxury and a dangerous expedient.—Fort Wayne Journal.

JAMES S. DODGE Indiana's G. A. R. Commander, has been appointed counsel to Nagasaki, Japan. Mr. Dodge hails from Elkhart.

#### To Cure a Cold In One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure 25c.

#### Notice to Taxpayers.

Your taxes are now due. Books will close Saturday, November 1, at 5 p. m. Positively no receipts made out except when money is paid in advance.

DAN P. BOLDS, Treasurer.

A large number of old soldiers left Wednesday morning to attend the reunion of the 89th Indiana, to be held at Pendleton, Ind.

WANTED—At the Burt House, woman for laundry work. One who will do the work as it should be done. Can go home nights. Apply at once.

Coffee & Baker still lead in fine bread. The same old price—two loaves for five cents, and the loaves are larger than any five cent loaf in town.

Estrayed. A small black Berkshire sow, from the farm of Henry Krick, near Decatur. A reward will be paid for her return.

GEORGE KICK

WANTED—White Ash Heading Bolts, cut fifty-five inches long from seven inches upward in size, delivered at my factory for which I will pay \$3 a cord. Also all the other customary timber bought.

9-6m J. W. VAIL.

James Parrish was able to make his appearance on the streets Tuesday and yesterday, after the terrible whipping he received Saturday night at the hands of vigilantes. If he recognized any of his tormentors he is not giving out any information, but it is generally believed that the perpetrators will go scot-free.

NOTICE—I will sell at private sale, in parcels or as a whole the Lawson Linhard farm in Root township, two miles north of Decatur. For further information inquire of the undersigned or at the county clerk's office.

LOIS LINHARD, Adm'x.

May 13, 1897. 9ft

Our prosperity pile has been somewhat increased the past week by the following subscribers: J. R. Covalt, John R. Smith, Henry Stevens, Dora Day, G. E. Copeland, Henry Heideman, Chas. F. Alliegar, C. Konr, D. S. Mauler, Barney Meibers, H. Tettman, Henry Eiting, Geo. F. Cook, R. K. Erwin, James K. Martz.

Fruit trees and grape vines, roses and carnations, designs or sprays for funerals, ornamental trees for cemeteries, all kinds of roses, flowers, house plants, bulbs and strawberry plants. Sale yards on Court street, near gas office. Leave orders for cut flowers at New York millinery store. Deliveries: Spring, April and May, fall, October. I. J. Miesse, Decatur, Indiana.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week is the dates of the annual cloac opening at the Boston Store. You will find a more specific announcement in their quarter section advertisement elsewhere. Their display this year will be of unusual interest to the ladies who are interested in elegance, fit, style and comfort, and we can assure you that their former reputation will be upheld in each and every instance.

The grocery fakir is still at work in this county, and we again warn farmers to have no dealings with him. Buy no groceries of him, or you will be swindled. Numerous complaints are coming from neighboring counties in which these sharpers have been at work, and in every instance the purchaser has been ruthlessly swindled. Have no dealings with him whatever you will save money and not be obliged to use inferior groceries, only fit to be picked up by the city scavenger. Give him the marble heart. Turn him down, if necessary with the assistance of the dog.

FOR SALE.—Twenty and forty acres each. The 40 acres is the west half, east half, northwest quarter of section 7, township 26 north, range 14, in Monroe township, Adams county, three miles southwest of Monroe, opposite Henry Harsberger. A tenant lives on the land by name of Jeff Andrews. The 20 acres is the north half, southwest quarter of section 12, township 26 north, range 14 east. J. D. Martz lives on the land. Both these farms are improved. I desire to sell especially the 40 acres. Look at these farms and write me your best cash offer. B. F. WHEELER, Vincennes, Ind.

## TOP COATS ....

of the correct length and shape are among our specialties this Fall. They're made of heavy Covert Cloths and Whippards, handsomely lined and finely finished; the nobbiest coats we ever saw and the best in quality and fit.

The jaunty short Covert style is especially becoming to young men, and we have the regular length Fall overcoats for any who prefer them. Prices moderate and an iron-clad guarantee with every coat bearing this label:

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GUARANTEED CLOTHING.

The Trade Mark of the World's best overcoat makers.



## When in the city

Call in and see our immense stock of new fall suits and Overcoats, in men's, boys' and children's. Will be pleased to show you through, even if you don't buy.

Yours to please,

Pete Holthouse & Co

Leading Clothiers and Furnishers.

In 1895 California produced \$15,000,000 worth of gold and Colorado \$13,300,000.

But 14 towns in Massachusetts and 17 in Connecticut are without public libraries.

Florida, of all the states, has the most water within its boundaries, 4,340 square miles.

People who sell newspapers in the streets of Moscow are compelled to appear in uniform.

Worcester, Mass., turns out more envelopes each year than any other city in the United States.

In France 4,000,000 tons of potatoes are annually used in the manufacture of starch and alcohol.

During 1896 Illinois produced more than one-third of all the distilled spirits made in the United States.

Women sailors are employed in Norway, Denmark and Finland and are found to be excellent mariners.

The income of a teacher in a private school of China is very small, about a half penny a day for each pupil.

The Chinese condemn criminals to death by preventing sleep. Sufferers last from 12 to 20 days, when death comes to their relief.

The gold production of the United States was greatest in 1853, when it aggregated \$65,000,000. The greatest silver year was 1892.

The average daily attendance of children in the public schools is highest in Pennsylvania, being 779,000, while in New York it is 757,000.

The largest amount of gold coin and bullion in circulation in the United States was in 1890. The most silver was in circulation in 1891.

The national guard of Connecticut, 2,800 men, can be concentrated in four towns ready for service outside the state in from 8 to 12 hours.

Cabbage is said to be a cure for intoxication. Natives of Egypt eat boiled cabbage before their other feed if they intend to drink wine after dinner.

The cost of the official records of the rebellion has been thus far \$2,334,328, and the total when the work is done is expected to foot up to \$3,000,000. This is \$26,785 a volume.

In Brazil, at a funeral of an unmarried woman, the mourning color is scarlet. The coffin, the hearse, the trapings of the horses and the livery of the driver are all scarlet.

The Mosque of St. Sophia, at Constantinople, was built over 1,000 years ago, and the mortar used is said to have been perfumed with musk. The musky odor is still perceptible.

The specie room on ocean steamships is usually 16 feet long, 10 feet wide and 8 feet high. It is formed of steel plates a quarter of an inch thick, with a steel door which has a burglar proof combination lock.

It is said that the Irish language is dying out. Ten years ago 64,000 people spoke Irish only. In 1891 there were 38,000. In 1881 there were 885,000 who could speak Irish and English, and last year there were only 642,000.

Dodge Gets a Consulship. WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—J. S. Dodge, Indiana department commander of the G. A. R., has been appointed consul to Nagasaki, Japan.

#### NEBRASKA POPULISTS.

Antifusionists Postpone Their Convention Owing to Absence of Delegates.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 5.—The