

BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Opened to the Public at Ten O'Clock Today—Big Crowds Expected.

The Adams County poultry show opened Tuesday morning under most favorable auspices and from all appearances the show this year will far exceed any other event ever held by this association. The spacious hall in the Water building has been neatly arranged and decorated for this occasion and there is ample room to show every bird that comes in. Something like eight hundred entries have been received and in accordance with this number the committee in charge have been making their arrangements. All morning fancy poultry from practically every section of the state kept coming in and by Wednesday morning where the showing commences there is no question but that over eight hundred birds will be on hand for the sight seers to look over. Secretary C. E. Magley is practically the busiest man in Decatur today as he is wanted in a hundred different places at one time and that he is doing his duty and then some can be vouched for by every exhibitor. Poultry of every name and description are on hand and in every event there will be a battle royal for the prize money and as the judge the association has secured for this show is one of vast experience the birds will be scored right down to the point and it will be a case of the best fowl winning. Judge J. E. Gault will play no favorites, as he knows no one and is merely here to judge and score the chickens upon the points they show. In the chicken line there are on hand Buff Plymouth Rocks, Silver and Golden Wyandottes, Single and Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, Rose and Single Comb Leghorns, Bantams, Black Langshans, Buff Cochins, Plymouth Rocks, Hamburgs, Black and Buff Orpingtons and many other breeds that we are unable to mention at this time. In connection with this are Embden and Toulouse Geese, Ducks, Turkeys and Pet Stock in fact everything that goes to make a poultry show a success. The entries so far are from Portland, Columbia City, Willshire, O., Fort Wayne, Delphos, O., Warren, Montpelier, Huntington, Berne, Cellina, O., Geneva, Bluffton, Van Wert, Ohio, Monroeville, Hoagland, Preble and Ridgeville and with several other cities to hear from. The various business men of Decatur have shown their appreciation of this show by offering special prizes in different events among the list being Meyer, Presdorf & Moses who offer a beveled mirror; Keller Incubator company, who will give away a fifty egg incubator; M. Burns & Son, who will give away a \$1.00 whip; Everett, Hite & Son, who will give a pitcher and bowl. The Winnes Shoe store who will give away a pair of slippers; Tom Leonard, who will give a twenty gallon gasoline tank, Decatur Lumber Co., who offer a door bell; Prover Brother, who give away a \$1.50 cake; Smith, Yager & Falk a 12 1/2 lb. package of Janacoe; U. Deininger, a sailor hat; F. B. Tague a pair of slippers; F. V. Mills, 35 lbs. Halston's Chick Feed; Decatur Hardware Co., a nickel tea kettle; Fort Wayne & Springfield Ry. Co., a mile-long book; W. L. Lehne, a clock, Teele, Brandyberry & Peterson, a fancy dress shirt; Charlie Voglewede, a reduction of \$1.00 on any pair of shoes; W. H. Nachtrieb, a package of Fleck's Poultry Powders. The Holthouse Drug Company a 50c package of Russian Poultry Tonic. Besides those above named are special prizes from various poultry journals and poultry food houses that are too numerous to mention. The prettiest prize in the entire display is the silver loving cup offered by the Purina Poultry Food company for the fowl fed on Purina poultry feed that scores the highest number of points. The battle for this prize promises to be interesting as every poultry man present has his eye on the same. So that the public may be enlightened as to the prize winners the birds will be marked as soon as scored the Blue ribbon representing first, the red second, the yellow third and the white fourth, and whenever you see a coop flying one of the above colors you may know just what prize they won. This was a feature that was overlooked last year and the association has profited thereby. The prettiest display to date is that of the Keller Incubator Co., who have rented one corner of the

building and there arranged a hand some booth in which they have twenty machines and a man at all hours in the day to explain the same and tell the good points. George Massonil will have charge of this booth and if you want to ask any questions do not hesitate. The advance sale of tickets mean that a large crowd will be in attendance and that the show will be the greatest ever held by the Adams County Poultry Association.

AND WAS FINED

Also Sent to Jail for Thirty Days—Formerly Lived at Monroe.

Fort Wayne, January 7.—Thirty days in the county jail and a fine of ten dollars was the penalty assessed by Judge Skelton in the city court yesterday against John Wagner, who attacked two girls as they walked along the Lake Erie and Western railroad tracks about noon Sunday. The girls assert that Wagner made an attempt at robbery, laid violent hands upon them and insulted them. In court Wagner denied that he had attempted to rob the girls, but admitted other portions of the charge. He said his home was originally at Monroe, that he had worked at Decatur, coming to this city in January last, and that he had recently been employed as a porter at the Calderwood hotel. He explained his presence on the railroad tracks by stating that he had made a trip to the Rolling mills in search of work. Wagner does not appear to be of a particularly high grade of mentality, and he was sentenced on a charge of simple assault and battery. The young ladies whom he accosted are employees of the knitting mills and on the witness stand they gave damaging testimony against Wagner.

REFUSES A DIVORCE

And in Doing So Says the Applicants Must Come With Clean Hands.

Judge Merryman refused to grant Mrs. Dutcher a divorce as was stated in another issue. In doing so he said that, according to the evidence the plaintiff had been the real cause for the home being broken, that consequently she did not appear before the court in that cleanly condition which demands any recognition from a court or which gives her any right to expect redress for her wrongs. He said he considered the marriage vow the most sacred of all oaths and that he would not be doing his duty should he allow his court to be made a place where these vows can be lightly thrown aside. He laid no blame upon the attorneys in the case, whom he said had acted in the best of faith and who had represented their client in a very proficient and professional manner. Judge Merryman's short talk in deciding this case gave those who heard it to understand that he will not set aside the marriage vows in cases where they should not be.

HAS RESIGNED POSITION.

D. M. Rice is Too Busy to Haul Children to School.

D. M. Rice, who has been hauling the school children from the Elzey school district No. 8 to the Mallonee school district No. 7 has resigned. Mr. Rice has filled this position very successfully the past five months, but owing to the many duties on the farm he was compelled to resign.

Ben Butler will drive the wagon the remaining part of the term of school. Trustee Luttman is to be congratulated on his success of this new movement. The Gerke and Knapp schools in Root township also have been closed thus giving more money to give the children of the township longer terms of school, better teachers and more sanitary buildings.

Word from headquarters has been received stating that a new wagon will arrive in this city by next Saturday morning for the Wells Fargo Express company of this city. It has also been decided to move their office from its present location to the interurban station, where it will be comfortably situated in the near future, an order having been received to move February 1st.

RESULT OF A WAR

May Cause Reduction on the Price of Tickets All Along the Line.

Passenger rates between Chicago and the east are to be slashed right and left after Feb. 10. On that date the Erie's new tariff will become effective and it is practically certain all rates on that line east of Marion, O., will be cut. The other roads will be forced to retaliate, and it is more than possible the war will be carried into the western territory as well.

At the meeting of the Chicago railroad association it was agreed that all the Erie rates in the Chicago rate sheet, the official publication of the association, should be cancelled on Feb. 10. Dilatory tactics were resorted to by the passenger men of the other lines, and the meeting was prolonged over two days in the hope that the Erie would be forced to announce what rates it proposes to put in.

The only concession made by the Erie, however, was to tell when the rates will be effective. This means that, since a road must file a new tariff with the commission thirty days before it becomes effective, the Erie's tariff will be filed Jan. 10. The tariffs of the other roads cannot be prepared inside of a week, and unless special dispensation is given by the commission the Erie will have that much advantage.

While the Erie officials are silent as to how much of a cut will be made, the impression prevails that the new rates between Chicago and New York will be \$12 on first class and \$8 on second class. The present rates are \$18 and \$10 respectively, but the latter represents a cut of \$6 made on the second class rate in November.

Some of the representatives of other lines have suggested that no attention be paid to these cuts; that they will hurt the Erie more if it is unable to handle the traffic on unremunerative rates. It is not likely, however, that such a course will be followed.

CAUSE CONTINUED

Will Complete Issues January 21st and Case Then Be Set for Trial.

Portland, Indiana, January 7.—The first round in the State ex rel Ed Green vs. D. D. Coffee, mayor of Decatur, impeachment proceedings, came off here this morning before Judge LaFollette. L. C. DeVoss and C. J. Lutz appeared as attorneys for the plaintiff and D. D. Heller represented the defendant. A verified plea filed setting up the facts that the request for a change of venue was made by the relator, Ed Green, when the state was the real party plaintiff, but this was overruled. Several routine motions tending toward the making up of the issues were argued and the cause was then continued until January 21st, when the issues will be completed and the case probably set down for trial.

THE SOCIETY NEWS

Surprise on John Cowan—First Leap Year Dance of Season at Bingen.

Monday night at the I. O. O. F. hall the members held their regular business session and during the evening they installed officers as follows: Noble grand, Ed Christen; vice grand, U. S. Drummond; right supporter of noble grand, Sam Shamp; left supporter of noble grand, A. J. Russell; right supporter of vice grand, Adam Wise; left supporter of vice grand, Charley Steele; treasurer, Harvey Haruff; financial secretary, Charles Helm; secretary, Walter Johnson; chaplain, Robert Patterson; left scenery supporter, Harvey Baker; right scenery supporter, Frank Baker; warden, Chas. E. Baker.

Mr. John Cowan was the victim of a birthday anniversary surprise party Sunday, at his home at Pleasant Mills, given by large company of relatives and friends. Although it was not the

largest party of the season, it was one of the merriest that was ever given. At twelve o'clock an elegant dinner was served the guests. The guests who were from Decatur were: Mrs. John Falk and son Glen, Miss Alice Dailey, Carl Moses, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moses, Joel Fulk, of Rivarre. Besides these there were relatives from Willshire, Monroeville and Chicago, which numbered thirty-five present.

The first leap year dance of the new year was given by the young people of Bingen at a hall in the main portion of the town, on Sunday evening. It was an old time German dance and a large crowd attended from various towns in the vicinity.

WHO WILL BUILD

The Daily Democrat Will Publish Suggestions from Any Readers.

One of Decatur's best known business men, a member of a firm whose business annually reaches the six figure mark, called yesterday and asked us to use our best efforts to induce some one to erect a modern office building in Decatur. He authorized us to state that his firm would at any time contract for at least two office rooms in such a block. At present they are quartered in a dingy little office, where they must furnish their own heat and be their own janitor. These things are inconvenient indeed to really busy people and our caller was no doubt right in his belief that every room in such a block could be rented at a reasonably good price in one day's time. No one, more than the Daily Democrat would like to see a building in Decatur. Our city is growing modern and there is a demand for such rooms, that never was noticeable here before. Some one should build this block and meet the demand. Who will do it? Several lodges are talking of such a plan and perhaps this inquiry will cause some encouragement. We will give the name of the firm mentioned to any persons interested. Perhaps some of our readers have some plans to suggest. If so we will gladly publish them.

MUST NOT CARRY LIQUOR.

Postmaster General Issues a New Order to Mail Carriers.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order which has a direct bearing upon the Prohibition movement. The order is as follows:

It is hereby ordered that it shall be a condition of any contract hereafter entered into for carrying the mails upon star, screen wagon, messenger or special service route, that the contract carrier shall not transport intoxicating liquor from one point to another upon such route while in the performance of mail service.

The order will become effective at once in many sections of the country where it is necessary to install new and supplementary service. It is believed that this order will have a far reaching effect and will meet the approval of a large number of people, judging by the enormous number of complaints that have been sent here to the department.

INFANT CHILD IS DEAD.

Little Daughter of George Gase Victim of Brain Fever.

Anne Mary, the one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Gase, who reside two miles east of this city, died Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock at their country home after an illness of several weeks duration, death resulting from brain fever. The babe had just reached the age when it had become a household necessity, and the parents are grief stricken over the terrible turn of affairs. The funeral was held Thursday morning at nine o'clock at the St. Marys Catholic church, Father Wilken officiating, and interment will be made in the St. Joseph cemetery.

The funeral of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Gase was held yesterday at nine o'clock at the St. Marys Catholic church. Father Wilken officiating. A large crowd was present to pay their last tribute of respect. Interment was made in the St. Joseph cemetery. The floral offering was beautiful and profuse.

ALSO OTHER CITIES

Asks for \$50,000 for Six Cities of this District—Other Washington News.

Washington, D. C., January 7.—(Special)—Representative John A. M. Adair, of the Eighth district, Indiana, has introduced bills for public federal buildings at Decatur, Winchester, Portland, Bluffton, Elwood and Alexandria. He asks for \$50,000 for each place and insists that he will use every effort to secure the allowance. While it is probable that few buildings of this kind will be ordered at this session, it is also believed that Mr. Adair will use every effort to secure the allowance for these. This would give each of these cities a permanent and handsome federal home and such as would cause every citizen to swell with pride.

Senator Beveridge today introduced a bill for a \$75,000 public building at Peru. The government has already purchased a site. The senator also introduced a bill to create a federal court of patent appeals, of five members. The American bar association has long favored the creation of such a court. Robert S. Taylor, of Fort Wayne, is chairman of the bar association committee appointed to work for the bill.

In a message to the house of representatives today President Roosevelt urged that, in preparing for the work of taking the next census, the 4,000 or more additional employees needed be appointed only after competitive examination under the rules of the civil service commission and strongly denounced the "patronage system" of making the appointments, saying that the civil service commission was fully capable of obtaining a most efficient force. The non-competitive examinations used in selecting the force at Washington for the last two censuses, the president said, "served only as a cloak to hide the nakedness of the spoils system." Such examinations, he said were useless as checks upon patronage appointments. "The taint of the spoils system," he said, "will not merely hamper and delay the efficiency and taking of the census, but will impair the belief of the public in its accuracy."

PAGE BURRELL ON THE ROAD.

Is Assisting John Schug as a Knight of the Grip.

John Schug, the popular traveling salesman of this city, is walking about the streets with the aid of a cane, the result of a badly strained back, the result of lifting a heavy bunch of con rods. The accident happened a few days ago and for several days Mr. Schug was confined to his bed. However, this morning he started out on his regular trip, taking young Page Burrell with him, who will act in the capacity of grip carrier. Mr. Schug will be absent for a week, taking in his entire northern trip.

THE WATER PRSIDENT

History Will Say That of Roosevelt—New York Scheme.

Washington, Jan. 6.—No denial will be entered to the statement that in a few days, a week at the latest, First Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock will say "yes" to Secretary Taft's invitation to enter into the management of the Ohioan's nomination campaign. Reports already published here touching the Taft request are wide of the mark. It has been stated that Mr. Hitchcock is to concern himself only with the south, and that Mr. Vorys, Mr. Taft's Ohio lieutenant, is to have charge of the campaign elsewhere. The truth is that Mr. Taft has invited Mr. Hitchcock to be his campaign manager in the east, west, north and south, except in the state of Ohio, where Mr. Vorys' familiarity with local conditions will keep him in charge.

Washington, Jan. 6.—It was suggested a few days ago by a member of congress who is a strong admirer of Mr. Roosevelt that he would be known in history as the "water president"

because of his efforts to drive water out of stocks and to promote water in transportation. Certainly what the president hopes to do toward inaugurating a definite policy for the utilization of the country's natural resources particularly the waterways and forests, is likely to be very much in discussion in the next few months.

New York, Jan. 6.—All that is needed to set going a \$100,000,000 enterprise which will grow until it has absorbed all the trusts, to say nothing of all the land in the United States, give every man over fifty a life pension of \$50 a month and every child under eighteen \$25 a month, is a patry \$300. That is what Mrs. Mary C. Firestone, who lives in a small room on the top floor of No. 48 west Seventeenth street, declares, and she ought to know, for she has given twenty years or more to working out the details of the enterprise. Profits of \$2,000,000,000 a year are counted upon when all the trusts are turning in their earnings to the new owners. Mrs. Firestone, who has advertised for somebody to advance the \$300, will get a salary of at least \$60,000 a year, and perhaps \$1,000,000 as her compensation for setting the enterprise on foot. Out of this Mrs. Firestone will repay \$30,000 to the lender of the \$300, or a matter of 10,000 per cent on his investment.

BIBLE CLASS ELECT OFFICERS

Joe McFarland is President—Class is Growing.

At a meeting of the Young People's Bible class of the M. E. Sunday school held Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, the following officers were elected to serve for one year: Pres., Mr. Joe McFarland; vice president, Mr. G. W. Warner and secretary, Mrs. G. W. Warner. By-laws were adopted by the class, several committees were appointed and a systematic effort will be put forth to increase the membership of the class. The class was organized in October and that time had but one member. The class now has twenty members, fourteen of whom were not members of the school before. Twenty-five names were suggested to the class and these people will be earnestly solicited to attend Sunday school. The future of the class looks bright and much interest is being manifested.

ASCENT WAS STEADY

Man Who Will Really Manage the Clover Leaf and Alton and His History.

Patrick H. Houlihan, who for the past three years, has been the general superintendent of the Clover Leaf with headquarters in Frankfort, has been made a general superintendent of the Clover Leaf and the Alton roads with headquarters in Chicago. The office is practically that of general manager of the merged lines, and Mr. Houlihan succeeds C. A. Goodnow, of the Alton, who held the position.

In returning to Chicago, Mr. Houlihan goes back to his first love, where when as a boy twelve years of age, he began his railroad career as a water boy on the Alton road. He now returns as the general manager, not only of the Alton but of the Clover Leaf as well. Mr. Houlihan's rise in the railroad world has been rapid and sure. For twenty-six years he has held an official position and has never missed a day's pay. He has filled about every position on a railroad from water boy, brakeman, conductor, station agent, baggage man, engineer to the manager of the road, and his latest promotion is a deserved one. His record as general superintendent of the Clover Leaf brought him fame and the road has been made a power in the financial and railroad circles. Mr. Houlihan will report to Vice-President Roser.

It is stated that F. D. Weidenheimer, inspector of transportation for the Clover Leaf, with headquarters in Frankfort, will be made division superintendent, reporting to Mr. Houlihan.

The funeral of Christopher Hohmeyer, was held today at the Freidheim church at two o'clock, Rev. Preuss officiating, and a large crowd being present to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. Interment was made in the Freidheim cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful and profuse.