

## MANY SPECIAL ACTS

### Big Audience Was Delighted and Another Full House Promised Tonight.

Of all the performances that have been staged at the Bosse opera house or in fact in the city of Decatur, the show given by the Elks last week far surpasses anything of its kind that has ever been witnessed here. Long before time for the curtain to raise the house was crowded to its capacity and every person present manifested eagerness to see the initial stunt of the evening. A short time before the show began, Professor True R. Fristoe and his orchestra, composed of six pieces, took their places and rendered a delightful selection which was a most fitting introduction to the greatest minstrel show that has ever held the boards at the Bosse. While the strains of the beautiful music was falling upon the ears of the audience the curtain was raised revealing the most spectacular scene that has ever met the eyes of Decatur people. With elaborate electric effects displaying the national colors of red, white and blue, the background adorned with the old stars and stripes and F. E. France and his thirty-five minstrel artists in unique costumes. Assuming the position of interlocutor. F. E. France, whose ability has long been recognized in this line, announced the opening of the show proper which was a song entitled "Brother Noah Gave Out Checks for Rain," by W. P. Schrock. In this Mr. Schrock was decidedly clever and brought the house to laughter by his unique darning and comical jestures. He was forced to respond to the loud applause by repeating the chorus. Barton France then favored the vast audience with the song "Caroline." This was a very interesting selection and was well executed by Mr. France, who was neatly dressed in the black face attire. Unceasing applause necessitated the chorus to be repeated and the singer was then allowed to resume his seat on the right wing. Hugh Hite was next on the calendar and he sang a solo which was enthusiastically received. He was also encored and responded accordingly. M. J. Mylott then scored a hit in the song entitled "That's Gratitude." His singing was decidedly clever and his dancing as well, although we must admit that he became slightly unbalanced at one critical moment when he was introducing the Hawaii dance. An encore called him back for a repeater, which he executed without a hitch and great applause was forthcoming from the audience. This was followed by a solo by Miss Florence Springer and it was fine indeed. C. O. France then in his usual clever manner sang that beautiful and touching ballad entitled "A Little Bit More." During the progress of the song a brother Elk in the audience threw a lemon at "Bones," which the latter caught with ease, demonstrating his ability as a base ball player as well as an actor. Mr. France was repeatedly cheered until he was compelled to repeat the chorus. L. A. Holthouse then acquited himself grandly in a solo which was well received, after which Fred Bell sang "The Ice Man," much to the delight of all. Miss Marie Beery sang a ballad and her work is entitled to much credit. "Noah Was a Wild Old Man" was the next song on the list, H. L. Conter being the artist. Mr. Conter sang two verses and was loudly applauded. He responded and sang the verse he was saving for the applause "which was sure to come." However, this did not satisfy the audience and there was a continuous uproar for another hemorrhage. Conter proved himself equal to the occasion by composing three more verses to suit the music.

This concluded the first part of the program and after a short intermission the second part was opened by stereoptican views of and a lecture on that beautiful piece of poetry "Thanatos" by D. E. Smith. This was great and was well appreciated. Miss Marie Allison then sang a comic coon song and sang another when forced to do so by continuous applause. They were both great. The Elks quartette composed of Messrs Fred Bell, Hugh Hite, Bart France and D. W. Beery then favored the audience with a well executed selection. Next came a feat that was extremely difficult to perform. For several months C. O. France has worked hard in preparing to impersonate several business men in Decatur and his efforts were crowned with much success. To do this act requires an enormous amount of nerve and self composure, both of which Mr. France managed to have and it must be said that never before in the history of Indiana, has such an act been even attempted. L. A. Holthouse and his six little Fiji Islanders then produced a stunt that was extremely good and they deserve special mention. The performance was closed by a German dialogue by W. P. Schrock and H. L. Conter.

Words cannot describe their appearance, but we are able to state that this stunt would be becoming to professionals. Thus the second annual show of the Elks minstrels closed with the word success staring this grand order in the face from every direction and the people of Decatur can rest assured that the profits derived from last night's and tonight's show will be used to relieve trying situations among the unfortunate families of the city, who really need assistance.

## ERWIN IS ENDORSED

### For Democratic State Chairman—His Election Seems Assured.

Portland, Ind., January 2.—(Special)—The district convention convened at the court room at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon and was a rip-roaring old fashioned, enthusiastic, democratic love feast. The committee on organization reported the officers for the convention: James J. Moran, Portland, chairman, and E. A. McKee, editor of the Portland Sun, secretary. The meeting was soon called to order by the chairman, who made a short talk, stated the purpose of the meeting and called for nominations for district chairman. Lew G. Ellingham, editor of the Decatur Democrat, being chosen by acclamation. Ellingham remained in the race until noon, when he withdrew, leaving a clear field for Ellingham, who received the entire 108 votes. His election seemed to please the entire convention and the cheering proved the popularity of the candidate.

The election of Mr. Ellingham had been conceded for several days, but the surprise of the day came when the convention unanimously endorsed Judge Richard K. Erwin, of Decatur, for state chairman. His fitness was immediately recognized and the district will make a vigorous fight for his selection. Judge Erwin's election seems assured and it is believed he will carry his party to victory in Indiana.

Ellingham's name was placed before the convention by Judge Erwin. At the close of the convention speeches were made by Congressman Adair, L. G. Ellingham, W. H. Eichorn, Judge Erwin, Walter Lotz and other prominent men who were present.

Fort Wayne, January 2.—(Special)—The twelfth district democratic convention held here today was an enthusiastic one. Ed Hoffman of this city was unanimously chosen district chairman, Thomas Marshall, of Columbia City, was endorsed for governor and the names of Horace Cline, of Angola, and F. L. Feick, of Garrett, were announced as candidates for congress.

Portland, Ind., January 2.—(Special)—This is democratic convention day for the Eighth congressional district and several hundred politicians from over the district arrived last evening and this morning. The real purpose of the convention is the selection of a district chairman and member of the state committee to succeed Lew G. Ellingham of Decatur. The campaign has been rather a warm one, there being four candidates for a time. Mr. Ellingham, Feltz and Carter, of Muncie and W. H. Eichorn of Bluffton. The two Muncie men withdrew about a week ago and the general opinion here last night and this morning was that Eichorn would get out before the convention hour, 1:30 his afternoon. Delegate meetings were held at eleven o'clock this morning at various places in the city. Mr. Ellingham and a number of friends arrived yesterday afternoon and opened headquarters. Mr. Eichorn came over this morning with about fifty boosters. Madison county sent seventy-five in a special car, sixty came from Delaware, eighty from Adams county and thirty from Randolph.

## THE JOB IS COMPLETED.

### J. F. Tison Does the Job Remarkably Quick.

J. F. Tison and force of men, who were engaged to move the barn located on the property of Al Steele, thirty-five feet and place it in position to be remodeled into a residence, has completed his job. He was given the contract with the understanding that it be completed within thirty days and he only consumed eleven days doing same which is a remarkable record in consideration of the fact that one hundred and ten yards of dirt was excavated for a cellar and a seven foot wall constructed. The fact that Mr. Tison has completed the job in such a short time has caused considerable comment.

## THE SOCIETY NEWS FOR CONGRESSMAN

### Maccabees Elected Officers—Teeple Family Reunion—Various Dinners Given.

Miss Perle Burdg.

The lady Maccabees met in their regular session Wednesday night and elected the following officers: Commander, Mrs. James Bain; P. C. Rebecca Eady; R. K., Geneva Murray; F. K., Hila Murray; M. R., Rachel Mangold; chaplain, Marie Holloway; S. A., Nellie Eady; picket, Daisy Bollinger. A good social hour was spent after the election.

A family reunion of the Teeple family was one of the most pleasant events of New Year's calendar. All the members except two, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Teeple situated three miles east of this city, to celebrate the seventy-third birthday anniversary of Mrs. Teeple and the seventy-seventh birthday anniversary of Mr. Teeple. At twelve o'clock a large table filled with every good of the season awaited the guests in the dining room. After the dinner they had their photographs taken, and pleasant social afternoon followed. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Teeple and family, of Willshire, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teeple and family of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Teeple of Van Wert, Ohio; Miss Della Stoops, of Van Wert, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moser and family of Wren, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gay and family of Decatur, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Moser and family, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Smith and family of Decatur.

At the country home of Mrs. Herman Gerke in Root township a family reunion was held New Year's day. An elegant dinner was served at twelve o'clock and luncheon at six o'clock. The guests remained for the entire day, and also spent the evening in a very pleasant manner. The relatives who enjoyed the New Year's day so splendidly were: Charles Speckman, Miss Anna and Emma Dickmeyer, Mrs. Louis Schust, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Seip, Mr. and Mrs. Enno Lankenau and family, Herbert Lankenau, Miss Clara Lankenau, Tila Meyers, Adolph Lankenau, from Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lankenau and family, Miss Anna Parent, from Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Omorl entertained in a very enjoyable manner a few friends at their country home, situated three miles south of the city, at a twelve o'clock dinner New Year's day. The company was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eiting, Mr. and Mrs. Dyonis Schmitt, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hain, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dirkson and Mrs. J. B. Enneking, of Cincinnati, being the honored guest.

## TRAVELED THOUSANDS OF MILES

The Indianapolis News has the following to say about a man from Portugal traveling to Columbus just to see a plow: Some time ago Senor Xavier Peixoto came all the way to Columbus from Lisbon, Portugal, to see one of the Reeves & Company gang plows in operation. These plows are manufactured by the local company and are pulled by traction engines. The foreigner was interested in seeing these plows at work, as he owns large estates in Portugal and had an idea that he could save money by introducing them. As none was in operation here he went to Denver. When he arrived at the branch office of Reeves & Company at Denver, and announced that he wished to see one of the plows at work, the officials told him that as the ground was frozen there would be no plowing until spring. Senor Peixoto then inquired where he could see one of the plows in operation, and was told that California was the nearest point. This did not daunt him. He merely bowed himself out, thanked the officials for their trouble and boarded a train for California, a thousand miles away, where he finally saw one of the plows in operation. The man had crossed the ocean and the continent to see the plow doing its work, and he seemed to think no more of it than if he had only taken a journey of a few hours.

The newly elected officers of the Sunday school of the Methodist church are as follows: Superintendent, J. W. Vail; first assistant, Jeff Bryson; second assistant, Mrs. Jonas Tritsch; secretary, A. Katterheinrich; assistant secretary, Mrs. Ella Bell; treasurer, Mr. J. D. Hale; pianist, Miss Grace McKeon; assistant pianist, Mrs. Leota Beery; chorister, Mrs. W. J. Vail; assistant chorister, Miss Ethel Butler.

FOR SALE—Nine sheets weifing about 100 lbs., also Pekin duck and Bronze turkeys. See me at the Country show or phone M3. D. M. Rice.

## TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Reported by the Decatur Abstract & Loan Company, Rooms 3 and 4, Tracton Bldg., Decatur, Indiana. Money to loan on farms and city property. Loans promptly made. Abstracts of title carefully and neatly prepared.

Ida Koldeway to William Koldeway, E½ N. E. ½ sec. 22, Preble tp., \$500.

Henry Harkenke to Wilson Myers, S. ½, S. E. ¼ Sec. 29, Root tp., 80 acres, \$5,140.

Chas. E. Bollinger to Ida M. Bollinger, lot 17 Monroe, \$500.

Mary A. Snyder et al to Anna Purdy, pt. sec. 4, Washington tp., \$711.

Martha Trim to Anna Purdy, pt. sec. 4, Washington tp., \$44.44.

Andrew J. Ray to Levi L. Ray, S. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼ sec. 8, Blue Creek tp., \$1.

Levi L. Ray to Geo. C. McAlhaney, pt. S. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼ sec. 8, Blue Creek tp., \$1.

Geo. C. McAlhaney to Chas. A. Krugh, pt. sec. 17, Blue Creek tp., \$1.

Martin Beery to Phil Gephart, et al lot 190, Decatur, \$1,700.

Winifred J. Russell to Frank Brown, pt. outlot 84, Decatur, \$120.

Rebecca Sprague to Jerry Barkley, 40 acres sec. 6, Union tp., \$1.

Andrew W. Holmes to John H. Striker et al, pt. sec. 20, Blue Creek tp., \$9,750.

Malissa Gaffer to Emma McQueen, inlot 174, Decatur, \$1,000.

Jacob Houdeshell to German Bldg. Loan Fund and Savings Ass'n, inlot 343, Geneva, \$200.

Wm. P. Colchin to Wm. H. Badders, pt. of inlot 314, Decatur, \$1,150.

Eunice Death to Clifford Death, 40 acres sec. 4, St. Marys tp., \$4,000.

Elizabeth S. Kern to Thos. J. Durkin, inlot 319, Decatur, \$2,200.

Elmer Johnson to William C. Gillig, 296 acres sec. 11 and 12 Washington tp., \$28,500.

W. S. Hughes to John A. Hendricks, 80 acres sec. 8, Blue Creek tp., \$4,250.

Mary Beberick to William Koldeway, 80 acres sec. 2, Preble tp., \$600.

Lydia Egly to Eliza J. Hunter, pt. inlot 51 and 52 Berne, \$1,800.

Andrew Mertz to Orel Gilliom, 80 acres sec. 10, French tp., \$7,300.

W. S. Smith to Berne Lumber Co., pt. lots 71, 72, 73, Monroe, \$1.

Geo. A. Durfee to Berne Lumber Co., pt. lots 71, 72, 73, Monroe, \$1.

Henry L. Warner to David C. Myers, pt. sec. 28, St. Marys tp., \$1,100.

Sam Steele to A. F. Acker, lots 27, 28, 29, 30 Pleasant Mills, \$160.

O. N. Tyndall to Anna Purdy, pt. sec. 4, Washington tp., \$1.

Jacob Baker to John J. Summers et al, 60 acres sec. 12, Monroe tp., \$6,000.

Lizzie M. Hendricks to John J. Summers, 60 acres sec. 12 Monroe tp., \$6,000.

Chas. L. Bennett to Jacob Baker et al, 80 acres sec. Monroe tp., \$6,800.

Sam C. Wyatt to B. Frank Kern, lot 800, Decatur, \$1,250.

William Singer to Thos. M. Reid, lot 812, Decatur, \$2,500.

Geo. Weber to Mary E. Johnson, 80 acres sec. 6, Root tp., \$4,550.

Henry A. Fuhrman to Ottis E. Shifley, 30 acres sec. 4, St. Marys tp., \$1,550.

Jno. R. Porter to Geo. Weber, 80 acres sec. 6, Washington tp., \$6,800.

Barbara Stuckey to Geo. Baumgartner, pt. lots 81, 87, Berne, \$875.

## EIGHTY-TWO YEARS

### Lived Near the Allen County Line—Funeral Wednesday at Freidheim.

The drainage commissioners in the John H. Striker et al petition for a divorce, asked for and were granted a continuance until February 3rd to file their report.

A sale bill was filed in the McClellan Tague estate and approved. The report of the sale of personal property was also approved.

Harriet E. Haviland vs. Grant Haviland, divorce and alimony, motion argued for temporary allowance and sustained; plaintiff allowed \$35 and defendant permitted to encumber realty to amount named, allowance to be paid within ten days. The defendant filed a general denial to complaint. It looks like a legal battle was on.

## CHICAGO UNLUCKY FOR KALVER

His Son Roy Received Broken Leg on New Year's Day.

Isadore Kalver returned Friday evening from Chicago, where he had been visiting for several weeks with relatives and friends. His wife and children were forced to remain in Chicago owing to the fact that his eldest son Roy, on New Year's day slipped and broke his leg, while playing upon the sidewalk. The break was a bad one and may detain Mrs. Kalver in Chicago for some time. The little chap was quite plucky and made no outcry, while the break was being set. Chicago for Mr. Kalver it seems that every time he visits there something happens to his family.

## BIDS ON THE TEEPLE DITCH.

Gobriel Everhart Was Low Bidder on Whole Ditch.

The Henry I. Teeple ditch was let today at the office of County Surveyor Baumgartner. There were five bidders as follows: A. A. Roebuck, Sec. 1, \$240 Sec. 2, \$250 Sec. 3, \$175, as a whole \$649. J. C. Cowan, Sec. 1, \$179. Gabriel Everett, Sec. 1, \$175, Sec. 2, \$158, Sec. 3, \$164, as a whole \$495. W. J. Hook, as a whole, \$762.39. A. J. Durban, Sec. 1, \$222.

Mr. and Mrs. Augusta Water and son William, of Logansport, were the guests of Rev. J. Bauer, of Union township for a short time. They returned home this morning.

## FUNERAL ON SUNDAY

Had Been Ill Several Months

but Was Able to Be up

and Enjoy Christmas.

Miss Verna Davis, aged twenty-three years, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Davis, who resides near the St. Paul church, died Friday morning about five o'clock after an illness of several months duration, death resulting from that dread disease consumption. Miss Davis was taken ill during the later part of the summer with the white plague, but informed her parents that she fully expected to live until after Christmas and on that eventful day she was up and around and enjoyed herself immensely. However, the next day she took bed fast and her decline was rapid and she died Friday morning.

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Miss Agnes Geary left at noon for

her home at Cleveland, Ohio, after

visiting with Miss Rose Hall.

## PRETTY COSTUMES

Some of the Noted Women and What they Wore—The Hepburn Bill.