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JANUARY DRAW

Nearly Fifty Thousand Dollars—Report Shows 7,526 School Children.

County Auditor C. D. Lewton has completed his report showing the distribution of funds to the various township trustees for the annual January draw. The sheet shows 7,526 school children in the county as follows: Union 403; Root 382; Preble 397; Kirkland 330; Washington 474; St. Marys 394; Blue Creek 386; Monroe 827; French 401; Hartford 448; Wabash 431; Jefferson 436; City of Decatur 1218; town of Geneva 356; town of Boone 456. The amount of cash distributed totals \$48,122.26 for the various purposes and is divided as follows: Union, congressional fund, \$25.80, common fund, \$489.79, liquor license fund \$58.83, township tax \$755.41, tuition, \$211.52, special school tax \$44.61, township poor tax \$30.16, township bridge tax \$3.35, total \$1,220.07. Root, congressional \$77.82, common \$66.64, liquor license \$55.77, township tax \$1,330.14, tuition \$665.30, special school \$665.40, township bridge \$1.54, total \$3,308.61. Preble, congressional \$323.66, common \$575.05, liquor license \$57.96, township tax \$867.16, tuition \$216.86, special school \$1,951.08, road \$6.03, township bridge \$1.54, total \$3,708.04. Kirkland, congressional \$16.27, common \$488.63, liquor license \$48.18, township tax \$263.38, tuition \$526.99, special school \$451.45, road \$1.03, bridge \$2.07, total \$1,719.88. Washington, congressional \$36.78, common \$687.44, liquor license \$69.20, township tax \$501.26, tuition \$613.45, special school \$835.78, township poor \$681.77, total \$3,307.68. St. Marys, congressional \$34.55, common \$568.28, liquor license \$58.50, tuition \$724.81, special school \$580.75, road \$3.03, township poor \$38.68, township bridge \$1.82, total \$2,010.42. Blue Creek, congressional \$24, common \$566.58, liquor license \$56.33, township tax \$267.17, tuition \$334.67, special school \$1,232.39, road \$8.16, township bridge \$2.39, total \$2,491.69. Monroe, congressional \$18.60, common \$1,247.71, liquor license \$120.74, township tax \$519.34, tuition \$208.20, special school \$2,079.38, road \$6.16, bridge \$6.28, total \$4,204.41. French, congressional \$23.92, common \$589.61, liquor license \$59.64, township tax \$503.34, tuition \$268.86, special school \$838.85, road \$4.15, bridge \$4.15, total \$2,292.52. Hartford, congressional \$13, common \$671.44, liquor license \$65.40, township tax \$480.67, tuition \$871.88, special school \$817.01, road \$56.95, bridge \$28.47, total \$3,004.82. Wabash, congressional \$26.97, common \$917.57, liquor license \$87.82, township tax \$480.07, tuition \$432.72, special school \$1,200.29, road \$12.02, poor \$143.88, bridge \$4.02, library \$1.25, total \$3,306.61. Jefferson, congressional \$40.24, common \$626.84, liquor license \$64.63, township tax \$337.36, tuition \$374.53, special school \$337.62, road \$45.24, bridge \$32.03, library \$599.53, total \$2,478.07. Decatur, common \$2,015.54, liquor license \$193.04, special building \$855.66, tuition \$3,903.02, special school \$3,157.80, total \$9,225.24. Geneva, common \$544.68, liquor license \$51.98, tuition \$903.67, special school \$881.03, total \$2,381.36. Boone, common \$544.68, liquor license \$51.98, tuition \$1,221.72, special school \$566.34, total \$2,384.72. Grand total, children 7,526, congressional fund, \$371.31, common \$11,138.48, liquor licenses \$1,100, special building \$855.66, township tax \$6,304.40, tuition \$10,578.20, special school \$16,139.96, road \$142.77, poor \$776.49, bridge \$113.66, library \$600.83. Total \$48,122.26.

Miss Clara Lang, clerk at Niblick & Co.'s store, is suffering from grippe and is unable to be on duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finley, of Kendallville, came near death by asphyxiation from gas which escaped from a coal stove. Mrs. Finley was aroused in some manner only to find her husband unconscious and it was some time before he could be revived.

D. W. Hoffman, of near Friedheim has suffered for nearly a year past from a very sore toe. The pain became so severe that it became necessary to amputate the toe, which was done a few days ago by Dr. J. C. Grandstaff, of Preble. Mr Hoffman is recovering.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON A COUNTRY PARTY BILL WAS SUBMITTED

Delegations Here from Fort Wayne—Profuse Floral Offering.

The death of Augustus C. Gregory has caused sorrow among his many friends and fraternal brothers in the various places in which he was known and as an evidence of same, many beautiful floral offerings and letters of sympathy have been received by the members of the family. In a corner of his library the room in which he spent much of his time, the remains of Mr. Gregory have rested in a beautiful mahogany casket surrounded and adorned by wreaths of magnificent flowers arranged emblematic to the orders from which they were sent. A large American flag draped in the usual black has been received from the Loyal Legion of Indianapolis, in expression of their sympathy to the grief stricken widow, and this order has also sent a flag bearing the emblem of the order, in tribute to their dead brother. A beautiful floral display representing the cross and the crown has been received from the Knight Templars of Fort Wayne, the F. O. E. of Fort Wayne contributed a pretty display of carnations, the Decatur F. O. E. presented an elaborate display and the members of the family arranged a frame of carnations and smilar around the picture of the flag the deceased carried during the war. At eleven-thirty o'clock Tuesday morning the Episcopal minister from Fort Wayne arrived to assist in the services, which were conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at one-thirty o'clock. The Scottish Rite, of Fort Wayne also came at eleven-thirty and it under their auspices that the services were conducted. The lodge conducted their services in the usual impressive manner after which E. W. Averill, rector of the Trinity church, of Fort Wayne, performed the ritualistic services characteristic to the Episcopalians. During the progress of the services sacred hymns were beautifully rendered by the M. E. choir. After the close of the service pall bearers, Messrs. J. D. Hale, T. R. Moore, B. W. Sholtz, Andrew Teple, Godfrey Christen and Ferd F. Boltz, of Bluffton, conveyed the casket to the hearse in which it was taken to the cemetery, and thus closed the first funeral services that have ever been held in this city under the auspices of the Scottish Rite. Members from the Scottish Rite from Geneva who were present are Messrs Jesse Throp, Homer Pontius, T. E. Kraner and J. D. Hardison. Accompanied only by the minister and the members of the family, the remains were conveyed to the Maplewood cemetery, where they were placed in a vault to remain until next Tuesday afternoon today, when the G. A. R. will hold their services and convey the casket to the grave. These last services will be attended only by the members of the G. A. R. and the family. A letter from W. R. Hodges, under whose captaincy the deceased served in the war gives facts about his makeup that are indeed interesting and in part it reads as follows: I appointed him a sergeant at the outset, and as a vacancy occurred he became first sergeant, and then Lieutenant. He was always prompt and willing and I became much attached to him. As first sergeant he would call the roll of the company from memory, and I can see him now as clearly as though it was yesterday.

STEAM PIPE WAS WORN OUT.

Causing Custodian Ernst Some Extra Work.

Titus Ernst, custodian at the court house was a busy man Tuesday. About eight o'clock this morning the leadpipe which carries the water into the boiler of the big heating plant, bursted and for several hours the water slowly drained out. Mr. Ernst managed to keep the building warm so that no ill effects were noticeable and did it without any danger to the plant. In the meantime he got ready to repair the damage by replacing the pipe which had simply worn out from years of use and it was fixed this afternoon, George Steele assisting. At a time like this Mr. Ernst always shows his fitness for his position.

Mrs. Clara Mumma and children arrived home from Bluffton at noon.

At the Everhart Home—The Eagles Plan to Give a Dance.

The Pythian Sisters held their regular meeting Monday during which the officers who will serve for the ensuing year were installed in an impressive manner. Mrs. Nora Linn acted in the capacity of installing officer and the following received the obligations: Anna Vance, most excellent chief; Bess Vaughn, past chief; Alice Smith, ex-senior; Neva Hower, ex-junior; Maud Hower, manager; Vada Martin, M. of R. C.; Ella Erwin, mistress of finance; Clara Beachler, protector; outer, Mrs. Elizabeth Selmeier; trustee, Bell France. After the installation a delightful social session ensued during which an elegant luncheon consisting of ice cream cake, rolls and coffee was served to the satisfaction of all. A general good time was enjoyed throughout the evening.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. David Everhart, of Washington township, was the scene of a very pleasant social gathering Sunday, the occasion being the 63rd birthday of Mr. Everhart. His children and grandchildren friends and neighbors to the number of thirty-one assembled to enjoy the festivities that were in store. The dining table was heavy laden with good things to eat. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Everhart, of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnston, Mrs. J. D. Hendricks and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Crist and family, all of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Michel Miller and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kidwell, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston and daughter, Mrs. Louise Hunter and son, Mr. Jim Wagner, Mrs. Rebecca Highman, Thelma and Ray Peterson and Wm. Trim.

The revival services which have been held at the Evangelical church for evening after evening, commencing at 7:15 o'clock, has been progressing far above the average, and they will continue until further announcement.

A party of twenty-eight called at the home of Jacob Borne to remind his son John, that he had passed another milestone in his life. The evening was spent in games and music and ended in a good old fashioned taffy pulling. Those present were: Misses Kate Barger, Cora Steele, Flossie Chronister, Stella Tucker, Minnie Borne, Mary Steele, Anna Yake, Sadie Berger, Celia Steele, Mary Bieleke, Susie Mankey, Ida Bieleke, Victoria Stoneburner and Bertha Briban, of Dutton, Mich. Messrs. Will Wible, Earl Steele, Henry Schlickman, James Mankey, Melvin Tucker, Lewis Yake, Floyd Stoneburner, Edward Borne, Jenison Tucker, Will Yake, Harvey Mankey, Irvin Barger, Henry Yake, Forest Mankey, Albert Borne, Oscar Stewart, Rudolph Borne. At a late hour their guests departed for their homes wishing John many more happy birthdays.

The Eagles will hold a social session on Friday evening at their hall. The program will be of music and readings, after which the guests will dance. Any one will be welcome, who wishes to spend a delightful evening as their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parent pleasantly entertained a few neighbors last evening at a small impromptu gathering at their home on Mercer avenue.

The Shakespeare club will hold this week's meeting at the home of Mrs. John Tyndall, of Monroe street, on Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday will be a great day for the K. of P. lodge members. They will leave for Bluffton by the way of Fort Wayne. Every member is expecting to go.

Mrs. Kate Wilhelm, of Ligonier, Ind., will be the complimentary guest at a six o'clock dinner this evening, given by Mrs. James Bain at her home on Monroe street.

The Y. M. H. D. club will be entertained by Miss Anna Miller on Thursday evening.

The West End Needle club will meet on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mike Murachek.

By Congressman Adair Who Believes it Will Ultimately Pass.

Washington, D. C., January 14.—(Special to Democrat)—Congressman Adair yesterday introduced his bill for a federal building at Decatur. He will use every effort to secure its passage and is confident he will be successful either at this session or the next. The bill reads as follows:

A bill to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Decatur in the state of Indiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled:

Section 1.—That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States postoffice and other government offices in the city of Decatur and state of Indiana, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators and approaches, complete, not to exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars, which said purpose out of any moneys in the United States treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Proposals for the sale of land suitable for said site shall be invited by public advertisement in one or more of the newspapers of said city of largest circulation for at least twenty days prior to the date specified in said advertisement for the opening of said proposals.

Proposals made in response to said advertisement shall be addressed and mailed to the secretary of the treasury, who shall then cause the said proposed site and such others as he may think proper to designate to be examined in person by an agent of the treasury department, who shall make written report to said secretary of the results of said examination and of his recommendation thereon and the reasons therefor, which shall be accompanied by the original proposals, and all maps, plats, and statements which shall have come into his possession relating to the said proposed sites.

The building shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet on each side, including streets and alleys.

BUYERS ARE COMING

Farmers Invited to Enter Their Stock—May Hold Sales Regularly.

Beery & Boch have completed arrangements to hold their opening sale on Friday, January 31st and the announcement will no doubt be gladly received by many who were disappointed over the postponement of the sale advertised for January 10th. At that time Beery & Boch promised to hold a sale as soon as the markets would permit it and this announcement shows they have kept their word. They have received word from a number of eastern firms that they will have buyers at the Decatur sale and farmers or others wishing to dispose of horses should enter them at this sale. The proprietors are arranging for 200 head of excellent horses of every kind and if you want a driver, worker, or any other kind you will have a chance. Last year this firm did nearly a million dollar business and the fact that they have decided to open the sale season is good news. If this sale is successful the firm will hold similar ones regularly throughout the season.

NIBLICK & CO.'S BIG SALE.

Niblick & Co. are conducting their annual mid-winter sale of dry goods, carpets, curtains and everything else carried in their big stock, as may be seen by their announcement on page four of this issue. The sale has been a most successful one and this firm are following their usual plan of doing precisely what they advertise. Read it over.

Two New Cases Filed—One Against the City—Ora Sells Cited to Appear.

Attorney Jacob Butcher filed a new case entitled John R. Wheeler vs. Andrew Helmberger et al, a partition suit.

Attorney Beatty represents the Garlock Packing Co. in a case against the City of Decatur, a complaint on city orders, to collect \$100.

Henry Young vs. Sarah Hetler et al suit to reform deed, absolute rule to answer was vacated.

Amanda Sell vs. Ora Sell, a divorce case No. 6951, tried some time ago, was redocketed and a motion filed that the defendant be cited to show cause why he does not pay plaintiff the monthly due her as asked by the court. The defendant must appear in court Friday, January 17.

M. F. Rice, administrator of the Edward B. Rice estate filed an inventory of personal property amounting to \$104.

The last will of Frederick Melcher, Root township was probated Tuesday morning. He provided that after death his wife, Louise, shall have the proceeds of the farm during her life, but bequeaths his property to his son William, to his daughter Louise \$400, to his daughter Sofia \$400, to his daughter Mina \$400, to his daughter Yetta \$400, to his son Frederick \$400, to his daughter Emma \$400 and some personal property. The will was written April 15, 1886, and witnessed by John Melchers and J. H. Vogeleweide. In the meantime Mrs. Melcher has died and the son William paid off the other heirs and now takes the farm.

Erwin & Erwin are attorneys for the plaintiff in a new case filed in circuit court on appeal from Squire Bowers' court in Kirkland township, entitled Grant G. Owens vs. Peter Helmrich, suit on warranty to recover \$100 on a horse trade.

NEWCOMER ELECTED

As District Chairman by the Republicans — The Winchester Convention.

Winchester, Ind., January 14.—(3 o'clock special to Daily Democrat)—The republican district convention was held here this afternoon and to the surprise of many it developed that George W. Cromer, of Muncie, still controls his party in the Eighth or else he caught his opponents napping. The usual caucuses were held this morning and the convention proper, convened at two o'clock this afternoon at the court room. Union B. Hunt, of Indianapolis, presided and Dr. George W. Newcomer, of Elwood, was elected district chairman, without opposition. The anti-Cromer faction had planned to elect Judge M. A. Chipman, of Anderson, but the caucus developed the fact that he could not win and his name was not presented. Newcomer is a member of the Cromer machine and was defeated two years ago when John Terhune, of Anderson, won out. Today's election was clearly a Cromer victory.

NEW HOME TELEPHONE CO. Indianapolis, January 14.—Articles of incorporation have been filed at the office of the secretary of state for the New Home Telephone company, Hamilton, to operate telephone lines in Allen, Whitley, Noble, Wells and Adams counties; capital, \$25,000; directors, Albert Egley, Gearvie Bates, Alvin Klappenstein, Frank Klappenstein and Julius Gehrig.

Mr and Mrs. O. P. Mills arrived home from Craigville, Ind., where they were visiting Mrs. Mill's parents.

Tom Peterson and Will Berling last evening engaged in a pretty little bowlyng contest of five games at the Klondyke alleys, the latter winning the series with a total of 98 pins. Berling was in excellent form, as he averaged 185 for the five games. Peterson was not up to his usual form owing to the act that he but recently recovered from a sick spell.

COMMERCIAL CREDIT

The Fowler Currency Bill—After the Pure Food Law.

Washington, January 14.—Aaron Jones, of South Bend, president of the National Grange, is in Washington to see what he can do in behalf of a bill in congress for good roads. He has called on the secretary of agriculture and director of the bureau of road inquiry of the government, as well as visiting a number of members of congress, who are interested in good roads and who are anxious to bring about some legislation on this important subject. The national grange is back of this movement, and will do all it can to urge congress to action in the matter.

Washington, January 14.—In the Fowler currency bill, which was introduced in the house of representatives last week, and referred to the committee on banking and currency, the author's plan is to base the currency on the general commercial credit of the country, which, he contends, would be of service to business interests of all sections, and not upon bonds which are largely owned and controlled in New York, as is provided in the Aldrich bill.

Washington, January 14.—The forces that for years opposed pure food legislation, either state or national, are anxious to persuade congress to take some of the stings out of the federal pure food law. So far the lobbying has been done quietly; the effort has been to sound members. Later, if sufficient encouragement is received an open attack on the law, or on some sections of it will be made.

NEAR OLD CEMETERY

Three Young Men Enroute Home Beheld Woman of Strange Habits.

The lady in black was seen again Monday evening, his time in the south part of the city near the old cemetery, and by Dwight and Ike Archer and George Oswald. The woman was dressed from head to foot in black and over her face she wore a long black veil. She was first seen standing near the Ginley home and when the three boys approached she walked away slowly to the east. The boys watched her until she was out of sight being afraid to follow her and learn her identity. They examined the shoe tracks in the snow and say that the imprints made were those of a woman's shoe, thereby relieving all doubt as to the sex. The boys were enroute home when they saw the woman and as the moon was out in full bloom they experienced no trouble in seeing her plainly. Thus has the famous lady in black been seen again and her identity is still unknown. Won't some one please find out who and what the woman in black is and what her object is in strolling around at late hours. This would certainly be a relief to the community.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY.

Several New Volumes Have Arrived and Have Been Put in Circulation.

Several new volumes of books have been received at the public library, including four books on Men of Achievement, by C. W. Greely; The Life of Washington, by Schroeder and Lansing; South America, by Frank B. Carpenter; Twentieth Century Atlas of Popular Astronomy, by Thomas Heath; French Engravers and Draughtsmen of the Seventeenth Century, by Lady Dilke, and France, Spain, England, Europe in Africa, Italy and Russia and Turkey in the Nineteenth Century, by Latimer. New books are arriving daily and it is well that they are read by many.

The last piece of machinery of the Sheboygan plant of the King piano factory was loaded on cars there Saturday and several departments of the factory are now on the way to Bluffton. Upon their arrival the factory here will be complete and within a few weeks will be in full operation. The expert workmen will not come until all the departments are ready to start.—Bluffton Banner.