

The Home Garment company, of Muncie, is trying to square itself with the Decatur ladies, but admit that they scarcely know how to do it. A few days ago the Muncie Star published the story and added that the firm was unknown there. After the paper was out a Mr. F. W. Beach, president of the company, called at that office and told them who and what the Muncie Garment company is. They have no factory, but have offices in the Little block, and do a mail order business. They established classes for sewing at Peru, Bluffton and Decatur. While we do not believe the company a heavy weight and cannot see how they will be able to straighten out affairs here satisfactorily to the Decatur ladies. We do not wish to do them an injustice and therefore publish the following letter, received to-day from Mr. Beach:

Muncie, Ind., Sept. 17, 1908.

Editor Decatur Democrat:

Dear Sir—Some little time back we sent a Mr. Mull to your town to establish a working club of ladies on aprons and insoles, and while we had all faith in him that he would do his work in a proper manner, we find that he did not, and we want you to call your readers' attention to this fact. Our agent that Mr. Mull appointed has given up the agency and there are some people in your town that gave Mr. Mull orders that he did not turn in and to all such please say that if they will write us and let us know for which their contract calls for—Insoles or aprons, we will at once send the outfit by mail and instruct them further. There are quite a few that their contracts were not turned in to us at all, and we want to do these people justice. We have no way of getting their names only to call their attention to this matter through your paper. We regret exceedingly that this has happened, but we are not in any way to blame and we will make good every contract that he took and failed to fill, or return to us. We will do just as our contract states that we will. This is a fair and just one to both sides. On the last page of Friday Star of Muncie you will see that we have had the paper correct the false impression that has been caused by the article which you published. We are not blaming you, but it is an injustice to us, as we are doing a straight business, and the trouble brought on by Mr. Mull was not authorized by us in any way, and we will do by every lady who signed our contract, just as we agree to. If you will kindly call their attention to this, and tell them to send in full information by letter we will at once supply any missing goods, and just as far as they make saleable work we will send them the work as we agree to in our contract. We had intended to come up, but there are so many that we have no address and could not locate we will use the mail to adjust the matter till we can get a new agent appointed. We are going to show you that we do as we agree, and we are going to give this work to all workers who make a saleable article just as long as we can possibly do so. If you will kindly call your readers' attention to this matter, you will greatly oblige an honest people that are trying to do business honorably and legitimately. We want to hear from every club member who has any fault to find in any way.

F. W. BEACH.

James Kirkendall, father-in-law of Dick Reed, the latter having been a Decatur resident for many years, arrived in the city Friday. He brings glad tidings that Mr. Reed is progressing nicely at his new home at Spokane, Washington, and that he has accumulated a neat fortune in the western state. It will be remembered that Mr. Reed was for some time engaged in the implement business in Decatur. He left three years ago for Wash., locating at Spokane, where he embarked in the plastering business. For his services in this profession, Mr. Reed has received a large compensation and as a consequence he has come into possession of a beautiful property and one hundred and sixty acres of land, a fortune within itself. "Opportunities are great in the state of Washington," said Mr. Kirkendall, and Mr. Reed is losing no time in making wise investments from which he reaps bountiful rewards. The family of Mr. Reed is reported to be in the best of health and Decatur people will be glad to hear of their marked success.

The board of commissioners of Miami county has appropriated \$500 to defray the expenses for the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone for the court house at Peru, October 7. The ceremonies are to be conducted by the grand lodge of Masons of Indiana.

Scott Huffman, who has been employed as a laborer in street paving work at Columbia City, was found dead Wednesday in a horse stall in the barn of his son, Ivan Huffman, in the southern part of Noble county. He was 59 years of age and the Noble county coroner ascribes the death to natural causes.

Chauncey Stetson, of the south part of the city, employed as teamster for the Fort Wayne and Springfield interurban company, while working on the grade south of the city Friday evening, received injuries which have caused him much pain. The man was operating a wheel scraper and in stepping off same his heel was caught in a wheel, doubling the foot under and causing the ligaments to be torn loose in the member. The injured man fell beside the scraper and writhed with pain. A number of his fellow workers hastened to his side and a conveyance was secured which carried him to the office of a physician. The foot was badly swollen and it was impossible at that time to make a rigid examination to ascertain the extent of the injuries. However, an examination was made this morning and it is thought no bones are broken and his early recovery is assured.

A conflagration which threatened destruction to several homes in the south part of the city, raged on a Friday afternoon, and for more than an hour the fire laddies and many spectators strove to extinguish the flames, and thus avert serious losses. The origin of the fire is not known, the same starting in the east portion of the field owned by Geneva parties and the roaring flames spread eastward with great rapidity, a west wind aiding the progress of same. Citizens in that vicinity tried in vain to extinguish the fire and as a last resort sent in an alarm. In the meantime, however, the flames had extended hundreds of feet eastward, spreading beyond a rail fence which separated the field from property lots upon which were located dwellings, and women were heard to cry in anguish as the raging fire swept eastward toward their homes, destroying fences, patches of corn and vegetables in its course. At the time when the critical point was reached and the flames were about to devour the structures the fire department appeared upon the scene and hastily relieved the situation and simultaneously sighs of relief could be heard from every direction. While the loss sustained is meager, it was only by the timely arrival of the laddies that heavy losses were averted.

The stockholders of the Fort Wayne & Springfield met Saturday in special session to dispose of business of great importance to the company, part of which was necessary responsive to a sudden resignation of auditor A. G. Kelly, the remainder being prompted by the all important question of extending the road southward to Monroe immediately. About one hundred stockholders assembled in the directors' room at the station this morning at 10:30 o'clock and proceeded at once to accomplish the proposed business. The matter of raising a sufficient sum of money to build the line to Monroe was taken up and those present acted favorably upon same, although the coveted amount, which is \$75,000, was not reached by the subscription. The promoters expect, however, to be operating cars to Monroe by November puts in her appearance, as they are confident that the holders of stock who were unable to be present will subscribe enough to make up the deficiency. During the course of the session, Albert Akatahenerich, who has fulfilled the capacity of chief bookkeeper for many months, and who last June 6th was elected as a member of the board of directors, tendered his resignation as a director subsequent to his appointment of general freight agent. He is succeeded by Harry Kirker, of Logan, Ohio, who was this morning elected. The promotion accorded Mr. Akatahenerich is well deserved, as he has been a faithful and efficient employee of the company since the cars have been operated. B. A. Flederjohann was appointed to succeed A. G. Kelly as traveling auditor, and he will assume duties at once, and will in all probability remove his family to the city. The stockholders were royally entertained at dinner today by the Royal Neighbors at Democratic headquarters.

The infant class of the Presbyterian Sunday school are urged to be present at Sunday school tomorrow as the teacher desires their presence on account of an important matter to be taken up.

By the terms of her will Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett-Arnold, who died in Wells county a few days ago, leaves from \$10,000 to \$12,000 to the Aged Ministers' home of the Baptist church at Fenton, Mich.

Workmen engaged in improving Burroughs street at Lafayette, unearthed human bones three feet beneath the surface. Several of the older citizens say that a number of people were buried in that vicinity during one of the cholera epidemics while the Wabash and Erie canal was building in 1840. Others believe the bones are those of Indians.

The enrollment at the Decatur public schools Monday reached 776, exceeding all previous records by nearly fifty and of course Prof. Beachler and the trustees are jubilant. The fact is evidence of two facts. One is that the Decatur schools are unexcelled and are being taken advantage of by many in this locality, town and country and the other is that Decatur is larger than heretofore by several hundred inhabitants. The school year starts off with promise of being the greatest in every way and now well under way, teachers and students are making every effort to assist in accomplishing this. The attendance reported today was as follows: North Ward, 141; South Ward, 158; West Ward, 148; Eighth grade, 77; other grades at the Central building, 141; high school, 111; total 776. The largest attendance heretofore was 730. Besides these splendid figures Prof. Beachler assures us that he knows of several others who will soon enter high school and a few in the other grades where they had been prevented from entering by sickness or other valid excuses.

Ben Stadabaker, the Travissville farmer, went to Marion this morning to see about arranging to put part of his onion crop in cold storage at that point. He has between 1,200 and 1,500 bushels of onions, raised on a patch of three acres. He has been retailing them at one dollar per bushel.—Bluffton Banner.

Sheriff Eli Meyer was called out to Monroe township Saturday night, on a trip which failed to materialize, owing to the fact that the parents of Floyd Martz decided to give him another chance to behave himself. Floyd is eighteen years old and the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martz. He has been working near Geneva, but came home recently and undertook to run things there to suit himself, to which the father seems to have objected slightly. Saturday evening Floyd wanted to take his father's horse and buggy out, but the father objected and the boy became unruly. He said some very harsh things to his parents, among the statements being one that he would just as leave shoot his father as he would a rabbit. When Mrs. Martz told her husband that the boy had a revolver, the latter became somewhat worried and sent for the sheriff, who responded. The officer found the boy in his room and searched his clothing, finding a revolver, which, however, was not loaded. After consulting about the matter, it was decided to give the boy one more opportunity to make good, and the officer drove back to town unaccompanied. The next time it is very probable that no leniency will be shown.

Rev. F. Imler delivered his first sermon at the United Brethren church Sunday night, and was greeted with a large audience. He is a pleasant and forceful talker and impressed his hearers well. No doubt this year as pastor here will mean much to his church.

Harry Dibble returned to Detroit this morning to resume his studies in the medical school at that place.

A family quarrel took place in the south part of the city yesterday afternoon and it is understood that it resulted in a scuffle encounter. As yet no affidavits have been filed, although it is probable that arrests will be made up the deficiency. During

The Decatur city ball team went to Monroeville yesterday and were beaten by the score of 8 to 6. Every player changed positions from the regular lineup. Buffenbarger and Coffey formed the battery for Decatur. Colchin and Buffenbarger of the locals each secured a home run.

The Jews all over the world are preparing to celebrate the beginning of a New Year. Next Friday at sunset begins the great holiday period of the Jewish year with the festival of Rosh Hashonah or New Year. This marks the beginning of the Jewish religious year 5669, dating since the creation of the world according to the reckoning of the Bible. This festival is observed by orthodox Jews throughout the world for two days. In all synagogues on Friday evening and Saturday morning, services will be held. The greatest and most solemn religious day of the Jewish year occurs on Oct. 5 the feast of Yom Kippur or day of atonement.

A man will run as fast as he can to cross a railroad track in front of a train. Then he will watch it till it goes out of sight. Then he will walk leisurely away. He seems to be all right and probably is. That is a man. A woman in a street car will open a satchel and take out a purse, take out a dime and close the purse, open the satchel, put in the purse, close the satchel and lock both ends. Then she will give the dime to the conductor, who will give her a nickel back. Then she will open the satchel, take out the purse, put in the nickel, close the purse, open the satchel and put in the purse, close the satchel and lock both ends. Then she will feel for the buckle at the back of her belt.—Delphos Herald.

#### WHY BIG BANKS OPPOSE DEPOSIT GUARANTY.

The large banks in the great cities that are mostly owned and controlled by the Standard Oil Company, the large insurance companies and similar interests, are opposed to the guaranty of bank deposits. They feel that from their enormous size they can attract money from the small banks in both city and country. They know that if the deposits of small banks were guaranteed the deposits of country banks would increase, the money would stay in the country for local use, and the big monopoly banks would not be able to congest the money in large financial centers for use in unfair stock speculation.

If you want your money to stay at home to build up the business of your locality, vote for the guaranty of bank deposits—which means to vote for the Democratic candidates.

#### A NEW HARRIMAN DEAL.

The New York correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald (a paper which is supporting Taft and Sherman) telegraphed his paper the other day the following:

"The most interesting feature of the day was a report which circulated in the best circles to the effect that a government attorney was authority for the statement that the suit of the government against the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific companies for violation of the Sherman act had been definitely dropped and the prosecution having, after many conferences and thorough consideration, arrived at the conclusion that it would be unable to make out a case against those roads. Formal announcement of this termination of the litigation would, it was said, be withheld until after the election."

Being in Chicago when this amazing news was printed, Hon. John E. Lamb of this state, a member of the advisory committee of the Democratic national committee, had his attention called to the matter. Mr. Lamb thought the report of the dropping of the suits against Harriman's roads should be considered authentic. Commenting on the publication, he said:

"Those suits against Mr. Harriman's pet railroads were ordered brought by the administration something near a year ago, with a great flourish of trumpets, and it was generally believed that the administration was in earnest and that the department of justice would obey orders. Now that Mr. Harriman has promised to be good and his special attorney, William Nelson Cromwell, has been appointed a member of the Republican national advisory committee and has contributed \$50,000 to the fund of that committee, it seems that the prosecution has after many conferences and thorough consideration, arrived at the conclusion that it would be unable to make out a case against those roads."

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A. A. Kist was a business caller in the city yesterday and has returned to Fort Wayne.

Miss Margaret Conter has returned from a week's visit at Fort Wayne with her sister, Mrs. T. Arnold.

Mr. Earl Beam returned to Fort Wayne on the 8:30 car after spending Sunday at Willshire with relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harkins, Toledo, Ohio, were in the city Saturday, leaving on the evening train Geneva for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bag Anderson.—Portland Sun.

A goodly number of Decatur people are preparing to attend the festival to be given at Bluffton next week. The affair promises to be interesting and, in all probability, large delegations will attend from the surrounding territory.

On account of his diminutive size Buell Fosbaugh, under arrest at Houghtaling for stealing, was able to escape from the police station squeezing through the bars. On