

DECATUR DEMOCRAT.

IN CIRCUIT COURT

Three Judges Served in
Adams Circuit Court
Today

PETITION APPEALED

For Macadamizing West
Monroe Street—Trans-
cript is Filed

Three judges took care of the busi-
ness in circuit court yesterday,
Judge Merryman attending to the
regular routine and Special Judge R.
G. Peterson and J. C. Sutton looking
after matters before them.

The petition for the macadamizing
of Monroe street, signed by Jane
Woods and others, has been appealed
from the commissioners court, the
transcript being filed in circuit court.
Walters, Hooper & Lenhart and Beat-
y are the attorneys.

The Monitor Oil company vs. City
of Decatur, suit on account. A mo-
tion supported by affidavit was filed
for a continuance and same granted
at cost of the defendant.

Dellah J. Butler vs. Margaret and
Henry Mayer, trespass, before Jesse
Sutton, special judge, set for trial,
January 7th.

Charles E. Simons, administrator of
the estate of John C. Simons, filed
report of sale of personal property,
which was approved.

Judge Macy, of Winchester, is
scheduled to arrive here next Mon-
day, at which time the issues will
be completed in the case of the
Telephone company vs. The Fort
Wayne & Springfield Traction com-
pany and the cause will likely be set
for trial.

There is a quietness about the court
room that foretells that the holiday
season is here. A few matters in
court, a transfer or two and now and
then a marriage license about com-
pletes the daily story these days.

INSTALLATION

Masonic Blue Lodge and
Royal Arch Install
Their Officers

FOR ENSUING YEAR

Attendance Was Good and
a Luncheon Followed
Ceremony

An annual event, always enjoyed
in the installation of officers in the
Masonic Blue Lodge and Royal Arch,
which occurred at the hall Tuesday
evening. The members, their families
and friends were the guests and all
enjoyed the occasion. After the cere-
mony was served to which
present did ample justice. A
few officers were not present,
but were installed at a later date.
The officers who began their terms of of-
fice in the ensuing year were: Blue
E. Smith, worshipful mas-
ter; Charles Dunn, senior warden;
E. B. junior warden; E. B.
secretary; J. Q. Neptune,
C. L. Walters, senior dea-
con; Ernst, junior dea-
con; J. C. Sutton, ste-
ward; Roy Kalver, tyler; Ro-
y L. Andrews, high priest;
P. D. Hale, scribe; P.
principal sojourner;
J. C. L. captain of hosts;
W. L. royal arch captain; W.
L. master of the third
altars, grand master of
the first veil; Roy Archbold,
grand
treasurer; Roy Kalver, treasurer;
J. C. L. guard.

WILL ENCOURAGE HOOISERS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The department of agriculture is convinced from investigations it has made that tobacco growing under the proper stimulus would become profitable in southern Indiana. The department is anxious to assist in developing this branch of agriculture in Indiana, and has called upon several of the Indiana congressmen who represent districts made up of the southern counties of the state to assist. The department has obtained possession of a supply of carefully selected tobacco seed, selected from the improved strains of tobacco. It has turned over 300 packages of seeds to Representative Foster to be used for experimental purposes in Spencer and Warrick counties, and has called upon Congressman Chaney to distribute 250 packages to the farmers of Green and Martin counties. The department will await results with considerable interest.

MEETING TODAY

Republican House Members
Having a Conference

LOCAL OPTION

The Action of House Mem-
bers Being Dis-
cussed

Indianapolis, Dec. 23.—"What shall be the Republican attitude toward the repeal of the county local option law?" is the question that is interesting the Republican members of the house of representatives coming to the city for their meeting at the state house this afternoon to talk over the minority plan of action for the approaching session of the legislature. Few of the minority members had arrived last night. There appears to be an apparent reluctance toward coming to the meeting, although it is understood that at least two-thirds of the Republican members will attend. There are those who believe that Governor Hanly may attempt to force the minority to present a solid front, if possible, against the repeal of the law. It is stated by the committee which called the meeting, however, that there will be nothing binding about it. The purpose of the meeting is more to afford the new Republican members an opportunity to become acquainted with the old ones than anything else, it is said. Representatives Schreder and Hewig of Evansville, have refused to attend. The indications are that the attitude of the minority toward its party platform pledges and those of the Democratic opposition will be discussed about the hotel lobbies and during the meeting this afternoon. No definite plans have been announced for the meeting. It is the intention, merely to talk over in a general way, the work that will come before the next session. There is a tendency among the legislators of both parties to seek to place the responsibility for the repeal of the county local option law on the other side. Neither party, apparently, wishes to take the initiative, although most of the Democratic members of both houses, in talking of the coming session, say the law should be repealed. Yet they see that if the Democrats bring about the repeal of the law they will have taken the responsibility from the Republican party, which enacted the law, and place it on their own shoulders, even though a ward and township local option law should be substituted. The liquor interests of the state are none too anxious that a ward and township law even should be enacted.

CRISTMAS GIFTS STOLEN
Mail Pouch Taken From Kansas City
Baggage Room.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—A mail pouch containing sixty pounds of registered Christmas packages consigned to eastern points, was stolen from the baggage room of the Belt Line railroad tonight. Although the postoffice authorities refuse to make any statement as to the contents of the pouch, it is believed to have contained much valuable merchandise. There was no money in it. The pouch was made up in the Kansas City postoffice.

SHOW WAS GOOD

"Little Dollie Dimples"
Scored a Hit at the
Bosse Last Night

A BIG CHORUS
Dancing and Drills Was
Fine—A Great Comedian
With Them

"Little Dollie Dimples" pleased a small audience at the Bosse Tuesday in a very clever musical comedy which unquestionably surpassed any performance ever witnessed on the local stage, the choruses, costumes, singing and fancy drills being of a high character. The company, composed of more than thirty people, is well balanced, embracing strong character people in Miss Cameron and Harry Bewley, the latter evoking vociferous applause from the audience at his every appearance by clever sayings and ludicrous antics. He did well in the juvenile lead as did Miss Cameron in her character sketch. Not the least of the features of this famous play was the chorus of ten beautiful girls and their drills and dancing. They were frequently on the stage and at no time did they fail to be encored for their return. Nine musical numbers, of the catchy and up to date kind were rendered during the performance. The dancing of three of the gentlemen of the chorus was absolutely the best ever witnessed in the city and all in all the show was fine, in fact the caliber that shows at Fort Wayne for a much larger price. Decatur theater goers who did not see "Little Dollie Dimples" missed the opportunity of witnessing one of the best musical comedies on the road today.

SEARCHING FOR IRA HAGUE

Ira Hague, a young man residing southeast of Delphos, left his home Friday morning and his relatives are searching for him. He left home about 10 o'clock in the morning intending to drive to Delphos, and informed his wife that he would return before dark. He did not return at night and when he had not shown up Saturday morning his relatives became anxious. He had used a horse and buggy belonging to his father-in-law, Peter Ridenour. Mr. Ridenour came to Delphos Sunday morning to make inquiries about his son-in-law and found the rig at the Kunkert livery barn. It was also ascertained that Mr. Hague had purchased a new hat and left the old one at the clothing store. Inquiries were made at the various depots, it being thought that the young man had gone to Arkansas, where his parents are residing, but nothing definite could be learned. He had only a small amount of money with him when he left home. Mr. Hague is about 17 years old and was married to Miss Edna Ridenour last spring. There is no reason for his leaving home unless it was his desire to go west.

PITTSBURG EDITOR FAVORED

George T. Oliver Indorsed by Alle-
gheny County to Succeed Knox.
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—George T. Oliver, owner of the Gazette-Times and the Chronicle-Telegraph, was indorsed unanimously today by the Allegheny county members of the legislature for United States senator to succeed Senator Knox. The caucus was attended by all members of the delegation—twenty-four members of the lower house and six senators—and Mr. Oliver's name was the only one presented, although Congressman James Francis Burke and John Dallzell had announced their candidacy.

REVIVAL CLOSES SALOONS

Ottumwa, Iowa, Dec. 23.—Every saloon in Ottumwa was closed tonight as the result of a religious revival. Saloon men claim the petition upon which the saloons were closed is insufficient and one dealer will open to stand prosecution as a test case.

A CHANGE AT COPPOCK PLANT

Don L. Quinn Succeeds W. H. Wiley
as Manager.

A change has taken place in the management of the Coppock Motor Car company, W. H. Wiley having resigned and his place will be filled by Don L. Quinn. Mr. Wiley has been with the institution since its advent to Decatur, and has succeeded in bringing the Coppock company up to the point where their future success is assured. He leaves to take active charge of other business interests, and should this mean that he will leave the city, many regrets will be expressed. The new manager, Mr. Quinn, is a genuine hustler, and will no doubt make a record with the already famous Coppock. The future of this institution seems bright, as they have orders and prospects in number.

JAIL SENTENCES

Gompers, Mitchell and Mor-
ison Draw Terms in
Prison

CONTEMPT OF COURT

Justice Wright Gives Labor
Leaders a Severe
Calling

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—(Spec-
ial to Daily Democrat)—Justice Wright
of the supreme court of the district
of Columbia today sentenced President

Gompers of the American Federation

of Labor to one year in jail for con-
tempt of court. He also sentenced

vice-president John Mitchell and for-
mer president of the United Mine

Workers to nine months in jail on the

same charge and secretary and treas-
urer Morrison of the federation to

six months in jail. Justice Wright

decided that Gompers, Mitchell and

Morrison had flagrantly violated the

injunction granted by Justice Gould

in the Bucks Stove and Range case.

In his opinion which was of extended

length Justice Wright characterized

the various utterances of the defend-
ants with respect to the courts as

utterly rampant, insolent, defiant, un-
reined, insulting, coarse, vulgar and in-
dignant.

NOW AN EPIDEMIC

Has Visited Magley—Seems
Residents of That Village
Are Unfortunate

CASE TO REBUILD

Is Keeping Store in a Small
Building at Present—
Scarlet Fever

Washington, Dec. 23.—The house
ways and means committee completed
its hearings on the proposed revision
of the tariff, and the subcommittee,
consisting of the Republican mem-
bers of the full committee, began the
work of revising the present law into a
tariff bill. The bill is to be sub-
mitted to congress at the special ses-
sion, which it is understood Mr. Taft
will call together next March. In or-
der to complete its work in time, the
subcommittee will hold daily meet-
ings behind closed doors until the
new bill has been framed. No tariff
revision committee has ever had at
its command so large a fund of in-
formation as the present one, and
the individual members will facilitate
the work by devoting a large part of
their time to the consideration of the
testimony that has been given before
the committee and to the perusal of
the numerous reports available for
their use.

INSANE WOMAN STARTLES

Bourbon, Ind., Dec. 23.—After putting
a lamp in her bed, covering it up with the bedclothes, Mrs. Mary Gunder turned in a fire alarm and aroused the neighborhood with cries

of "murder" and then ran to town in her night clothes. She has been found insane and taken to jail to await transfer to an insane hospital.

The regular meeting of the local
camp of Modern Woodmen lodge will
be held tonight and every member
should be present.

CRACK POSTOFFICE SAFE.

Robbers Obtain Almost \$500 in
Stamps and Currency at Van Buren.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 22.—Safe blowers
visited Van Buren, ten miles east of
here, some time last night, cracked
the safe in the postoffice, obtained
nearly \$500 in stamps and coin, stole
two horses and escaped from the town
without being discovered. The robber
was not disclosed until Postmas-
ter L. A. Bachelor went to the office

at 6 o'clock this morning and found
the shattered safe. The robbers had

obtained tools at Spencer Losure's

blacksmith shop and had blown the

door of the safe with dynamite. The

robbers escaped from the town

with horses belonging to John L.

Camblin and Jacob Jones, farmers

living near the town.

IS STILL WILLING

Bryan Speaks at a Dollar
Banquet in Pennsyl-
vania

TALKS LEADERSHIP

Says He Will Continue as
Long as Democrats
Desire

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 23.—With "A
Battle Over; the War Begun" as the
text, W. J. Bryan announced that the
Democratic party, in his belief, must

continue its fight for reforms, the
abandonment of which would be both
disastrous and dishonorable, and said
he would not give up the principles

for which he has fought nor the fight
for their adoption in the national gov-
ernment. Concerning his continued

leadership of the Democratic party,
Mr. Bryan said that leadership had

come to him without effort on his own

part, and as long as the party wanted
him to continue such leadership he
did not feel that he could relin-
quish it at the behest of those who

might be personally interested in such
action upon his part. Of the late

election, he said Mr. Taft had been
elected through a combination of finan-
cial, commercial and industrial inter-
ests of the country and that he

would rather remain a private citizen
than be a president and be subser-
vant to these interests, as Mr. Taft

must be under the conditions that
elected him. Mr. Bryan said that
President Roosevelt had degraded his
high office by making it the football
of party politics during the recent

campaign. Mr. Bryan spoke at a
"dollar dinner" arranged by prominent

Democrats of the coke regions.

His address was in part as follows:

"If there is one state in which a Dem-
ocrat ought not to lose caste merely
because he has been defeated that
state becomes accustomed to defeat.

If there is one state in which the
Democrats are not expected to aban-
don a principle merely because that
principle embodied in a platform has

failed to win a victory, that state is
Pennsylvania. For you have gone to
defeat in Pennsylvania with great reg-
ularity, no matter how good your plat-
forms." The speaker then took up
the various things for which the Dem-
ocratic party has contended during
the last twelve years and pointed out
the vindications that have come to
the Democratic position. He said that
the Republican party would not meet
the expectations of the people and
that the voters would find relief only
in application of Democratic prin-
ciples.

The new bank of Petroleum opened
its doors for business today under
very auspicious circumstances and it

is sure to become one of the strong
and prosperous financial institutions

of the county. The bank is capital-
ized at \$13,500 but has backing in the

shape of rich and substantial stock-
holders to the extent of probably close

to \$1,000,000, making it not only one

of the strongest in the county, but in

the state. For Petroleum and vicinity
it will be a great convenience.

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