

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink.

The germ can only prosper when the condition of the system gives it free scope to establish itself and develop. When there is a deficiency of vital force, languor, restlessness, a yellow cheek, a hollow eye, when the appetite is poor and the sleep is broken, it is time to guard against the germ. You can fortify the body against all germs by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It increases the vital power, cleanses the system of clogging impurities, enriches the blood, puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in working condition, so that the germ finds no weak or tainted spot in which to breed. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whisky or habit-forming drugs. All its ingredients printed on its outside wrapper. It is not a secret nostrum but a medicine of known composition and with a record of 40 years of cures. Accept no substitute—there is nothing "just as good." Ask your neighbors.



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"UNCLE BILL" Wants to Know—

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The "Uncle Bill" Department is open to every one. The only restriction upon "Uncle Bill" contributors is that the following rules be observed:

- No scandal.
- No names of ladies.
- Nothing to hurt the feelings of any one.
- Names carefully written and properly spelled.
- Nothing about another that would give offense if it were about you.

This department is to promote harmless and good natured fun among those who know how to give and take a joke. If any contributions are not printed it is because they fail to enter into the proper spirit of this department.

Send or mail all queries to "Uncle Bill" care Democrat, before Friday noon to insure publication.

If that fair wasn't a hummer?
If Earl Adams wasn't on the job all the time?
If the size of a fellow counts for everything
If Bill Shrock didn't stick to all the girls he saw?
If he ever turned yellow?
And if he got blue at times?
When the weeds on Tenth street will be cut?
Why the board of health doesn't get busy?

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nidlinger went to Indianapolis to attend the fair.



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Who has really the finest music ever heard in your city?

If Dick Peterson shaved last Sunday and if he went to Hesse Castle.

If Bruce Patterson keeps track of his girls with the card index system?

How many he really has?

If Tucker isn't some musician?

If the male chorus isn't tackling some real music?

And if they won't shine some in "Drontheim"?

Who went to Tocsin Wednesday evening expecting a banquet?

What they really had to eat?

If Charlie Voglewede likes hot weinies, and if he got them?

If Walter Johnson shouldn't be made to feed the bunch?

What the fellows thought of Heinie Thomas' "White Snag"?

Did Heinie beat the express company?

Who said anything about a high school fraternity?

Why Frank Mills is anxious for the school bell to ring?

Doesn't he like being a peanut merchant?

What has become of Dutch Wise and his singing four?

If you know that this "Uncle Bill" department is free to every one?

If you have any jokes on your friends?

Any questions to ask?

If you'll send them to him in care of the Democrat each week he will publish them each Saturday.

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Artificial gas has come to stay. In an interview with John S. Bowers he said many interesting things about its manufacture and use. During the time that natural gas was in its glory, Mr. Bowers was manager of the Logansport & Wabash Valley Gas Co., and it is a fact that every one knows that during that time Decatur revelled in the best gas service of any city in the state. In his new business block on the Burt House site he is piping it for artificial gas, and he said no building now would be complete without it, as it is coming into general use and will be in abundance, especially as long as S. T. Murdock and Mr. Mulholland are at the head of this wonderful and gigantic enterprise. It is a fact that the state of Indiana does not have no two better men when it comes to dealing in gas and electricity and the world has been revolutionized in the last few years with this same gas and electricity. So we feel that Decatur is to be congratulated upon having the Indiana Lighting Company supply us with this wonderful fuel, and our people will certainly miss it by not getting ready to use it as soon as the company are ready to supply this city. The work of construction is being pushed and in a few weeks more Decatur will be supplied with artificial gas.

The Liberty township blanket remonstrance was placed on file at the office of County Auditor Garrett about four o'clock Friday afternoon and as finally filed bears the signatures of 313 voters of Liberty township, a majority of 59 names. As there was not a single withdrawal filed all that will be necessary to prove the remonstrance effective if it should be contested will be simply to show that all who signed it were voters of Liberty township at the time they signed

it. Signatures were secured to power of attorney cards, the same as in this city, and these cards give the exact date that every signature was secured. One unusual feature in the Liberty township remonstrance was found in the fact that William H. Singer, father of Charles Singer, who had given notice of his intention to apply for license, was a hard worker in the anti-saloon ranks and was in Bluffton Friday with Rev. Hornaday to help get the remonstrance ready for filing. Another of his sons signed the remonstrance. Charles Singer filed his notice of intention to apply for a license with Auditor Garrett late Friday evening. This was necessary should he want to go before the commissioners next week, but it is thought he will hardly go forward with a fight with such odds against him.—Bluffton News.

This is the end of the quarter and consequently report time for the officers of Adams county. At the session of the commissioners which began Monday morning the following reports were approved:

Sheriff.
Fees collected \$49.92, fees taxed \$72.25, certificates \$1, total \$123.17.

Clerk.
Civil cases \$206.25, probate \$66.52, marriage licenses \$96, other licenses \$6.50, certificates \$25.80, insurance \$4, total \$405.07.

Auditor.
Transfers \$13.90, approving bonds \$15, highway \$2.75, school fund \$21, amavits \$16, total \$68.65.

Recorder.
Deeds \$138.20, mortgages \$201.40, releases \$36.50, miscellaneous \$34.85, total \$430.95.

County Infirmary.
Receipts \$446.30, expenditures \$513.25. The number of inmates is reported at fifteen male, and eighteen female, a total of thirty-three.

Miss Hattie Studabaker, president of the Adams County Board of Charities, makes a report stating that they have visited the county infirmary, the county jail, the lockups at Berne and Geneva, and some of these places are recommended as needing improvement, but on the whole they were found to be in good condition.

Mrs. C. S. Niblick secretary of the children's guardians, made a financial report showing the expenditure of \$221.13. The report also shows that they have under their care thirty children, nineteen of whom they have placed in good homes, returned two to their parents, one was sent to the Girl's Industrial School at Clermont, eight are in the orphan's home or in charge of the board.

An order was made for the contractor on the Preble and Root township macadam road number two, to complete the same within thirty days, or the board would take up the matter and complete the road at the contractor's expense.

The requisition made by the various county officers for supplies for next years was approved by the board.

The French township central two and the W. H. Suman macadam roads have been completed and they were accepted in the usual way by the commissioners. The John J. Hirschey and the Geneva, Ceylon & Wabash township three were continued. The Jay Stotsenberry road in French township which was built by the trustees and citizens there, was made a part of the free macadam roads of the county.

The inventory and appraisement of the Decatur Furnace company, as made by the appraisers, John S. Bowers and Anson Van Camp, was filed by Attorney Beatty, for Richard D. Myers, receiver, appointed in the case of Isadore Kalver vs. The Decatur Furnace company. The inventory as recapitulated shows the following items:

Real estate and buildings	\$6,000.00
Merchandise, new and man.	969.25
Machinery, tools and material	2,274.33
Office fixtures	119.75
Cash on hands	20.00
Bills receivable and notes	2,523.31
Total	\$11,886.67

Besides this there are bad accounts etc., valued at \$3,852.45 on which something may be realized, but on which no value could be fixed.

A marriage license was issued to Chauncey E. DeBolt, aged twenty-two, a farmer and son of David DeBolt, to Miss Stella Tinkham, aged twenty-two. This is the first marriage for each.

Another marriage license issued was that of John Hebble, aged twenty-one, a laborer of this city, to Stella Niblick, aged sixteen, of Craigville.

Sam L. Baumgartner aged 25, a painter from Berne, and Bess Teeter, aged 18, of Wabash township, have been granted a license to marry.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the

M. E. church held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Molts Friday afternoon at which time the date of the annual Colonial dinner was fixed for Sept. 30th. Complete arrangements for this event will be made at the next meeting and further announcements will then be given.

Mrs. Sadie Meyers of Craigville, was given a surprise by her relatives at her home last Sunday. A sumptuous dinner was served at noon and a pleasant time enjoyed until late in the evening.

Mrs. Mary Meyers of south of town will give a family reunion of cousins for her son Ed who will go to Ann Arbor in a few weeks to resume his studies in the law school of Michigan university.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Imier entertained at the dollar social at their home Thursday. Each member of the church earned a dollar and told her experience. The meeting showed that quite a sum of money had been raised and this amount will be applied on the parsonage debt.

Miss Rose Smith will entertain a few friends tomorrow at her home on south Mercer avenue.

Indianapolis, Sept. 4.—Politicians believe that Winfield T. Durbin, former governor, will be in the field when the time for the campaign rolls around. They do not profess to know just what sort of honors the former governor will seek but they believe the same that he will be after something in spite of the fact that he gave out an interview in which he said that he merely wanted to be a good citizen. Col. Durbin was interviewed at length and predicted a Republican victory. But when the question of his political aspirations was approached he always side stepped. He would not say that he would not be a candidate for any of the offices mentioned, and these include governor, United States senator, congressman from eighth district and Republican state chairman. It is believed though that the position of state chairman may be eliminated. It is the general understanding among the Republican politicians that Harry S. New will get this job if he will accept it. "When you see a fellow refuse to commit himself on the question of seeking an office you may conclude that he has the bee in his bonnet and I dare say that Col. Durbin will be in it when the time comes. Sometimes a man denies that he will be a candidate yet gets into the race, but when a man refuses to commit himself at least this long before the fight I shall predict that he will be in the contest," says a critical observer. Col. Durbin's entry into the race either for governor or United States senator would complicate the Republican situation considerably.

Geneva, Indiana, Sept. 4.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Paul Ireland, the eighteen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ireland, fell into a boiler of hot water and sustained serious injuries. The accident occurred at five o'clock last evening, Dr. Graham being hastily called and administered relief before the burns had reached any depth. He was badly burned about the head, face, shoulders, hands and arms, but with it all he is showing his nerve and getting better. In a few days it is thought he will be relieved from pain, and that recovery will then be rapid.

Twenty teams are now working on the east end of the interurban line and the work is being pushed to the limit. The laying of steel will be the next thing on deck, and it will not be a great while before Geneva will sport a real interurban, with the cars running. Every citizen here is anxious for the whistle to blow and the bell to ring.

Say, we are not afraid to look Theodore Roosevelt square in the face. October 26, 1908, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Moses Kimball twins; on November 8, 1908, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Noah Moser twins; December 13, 1908, there was born to Dr. Wright and wife, twins; on August 21, 1909, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mason, twins, and August 27, 1909, Clarence Turner and wife reported the birth of a pair of twins. We are a dutiful and hard working people.

Epworth League services at the Methodist church were interesting last night. Special music was furnished by Charles Brock, who gave a violin solo. Several addresses will be given at the next meeting.

The Christian Endeavor society of the German Reformed church will hold its first meeting of the fall tonight at the home of Miss Esther Selmeier on south First street. Con tests will furnish the entertainment

of the evening. A number of out-of-town guests will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weidner entertained at their home about four miles northeast of the city a crowd of young people at a six o'clock dinner in honor of their son Carl who is soon to leave for Plymouth, Wis., where he will enter the Mission House college, expecting to prepare himself for the ministry. Those present were Misses Emma Schlickman, Bertha Knapp, Emma Mutohler, Rose Schlickmann, Alice Knapp, Edythe Hachmann, Rose Nyfeler, Dora Schlickmann, Leah Nyfeler, Ella Mutschler and Messrs. Fred Ashbaucher, Louis Nyfeler.

Mr. Ed Meyers was the honored member of a family reunion of the Voglewede cousins at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Meyers, southwest of the city Sunday. During the day music was furnished and adding to the festivity one of the most delicious dinners was served at noon. The afternoon was spent in a pleasant social way. The cousins who composed the party were Mr. and Mrs. James Haefling and children Kathleen, Helen and James Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Voglewede and children Arthur, Richard and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Voglewede and son Cedric, Miss Elizabeth Voglewede, Misses Agnes and Kynth Voglewede, Mrs. Thomas Haefling, Joe Colchin, Fred Schaub, Miss Ella Meyers, Mrs. Leo and William Meyers.

Mrs. J. H. Heller entertained about twenty ladies at a thimble party Saturday afternoon at her home on Third street, the event being for Miss Bertha Heller, who left Monday for Marion, to begin her work as a teacher in the schools there. The only out-of-town guest was Mrs. Otto Hausbold of Chicago. A luncheon was served at five o'clock and a happy afternoon enjoyed.

A dinner party yesterday that was very pleasant was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Baumgartner. The Lachot family was the company of the day.

A picnic will be given at Maple Grove park tomorrow for the primary room of the Monmouth school and for its teacher and the patrons. The mothers of the little folks of the school in Monmouth are preparing today for the occasion, which promises to be as much enjoyed by the parents as well as the pupils. Miss Florence Kunkle is the teacher. A picnic dinner will be spread at noon and to add to the pleasantness of the day several of the amusements of the park will be patronized by the school children. They expect to swing and bowl and enjoy the time of their life.

The Middletown family reunion given at the home of Mrs. D. V. Steele on west Monroe street Sunday was a very happy event. George Middleton, the father of the Middleton children and of Mrs. Steele, was the honored member of the family. Early yesterday morning the members of the family began to arrive and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all till their departure. Dinner was served at noon to sixty-four. In the afternoon musical selections were given by several of the younger folks. The children of whom there was a dozen or more enjoying themselves playing games in the meantime. Old times were talked over, all having many incidents to tell of happening in their childhood. These reunions are an annual occurrence. It was not decided where the next one would be held.

Geneva, Ind., Sept. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Trustee Walter Thornhill has announced that the schools of Wabash township will begin on September 20th and has given out the selection of an able staff of teachers as follows: First district, Clayton Smith; second district, Charles Shepherd A. and Leone Long B.; third Omer Butler; fourth, Ethel Sutton; fifth, Carrie Church; sixth, Albert Harlow; seventh, Goldie Fink; eighth, John Felty; ninth, will be hauled to number eight by Jesse Ford; tenth, Mason Haughton; eleventh, Nelson Bricker.

Calvin Miller of Decatur, was here today employing men and teams to assist him in the construction of concrete work on several bridges west of town for which he has the contract.

Rev. C. U. Wade, district superintendent of the M. E. church, preached to an appreciative audience at the church here Sunday evening. This afternoon he is presiding over the second quarterly meeting at the church.

H. A. Richson and wife of Muncie, came Saturday for a visit with William and Morris Wells and families.

Charles Idelwine, a well known young man from this place, left for Wapakoneta, Ohio, today, accompanied by his father. Charles has been suffering from what is feared is appendicitis and goes to Ohio for treatment.

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HAS EIGHTY TURKEYS.
Mrs. Ellora Sonnemaker, Glasford Ill., says: "My neighbors have lost all their young turkeys. I have eighty head of fine Bourbon turkeys and I give them Bourbon Poultry Cure in the drinking water twice a week and have not lost any." Sold by H. H. Bremerkamp.

The nine months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Derrickson died Sunday evening at seven o'clock after a short illness with cholera infantum. The funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, with interment at the Crawford cemetery four miles west of this place.

James Johnson, of Wabash, Indiana, an old Adams county boy, was an over-Sunday visitor with his brother-in-law Morris Wells and family. James has made good at Wabash and is now on his way to Indianapolis to attend the state fair.

Paul Ireland, the little boy who was so badly scalded, as reported a few days ago, is still in a very serious condition. He is some better today and while not doing so well as his friends would like to see, they are confident that he will get along.

Judge J. W. Macy arrived Monday to give his decision in the case of Conrad D. Gallmeyer, trustee, vs. Edward Gallmeyer et al. The suit was heard last spring, beginning on March 16th and continuing about ten days and much interest was manifested in the outcome, especially in Preble township, where most of the parties live. The case was the result of a will left by Mrs. Wilhelmina Gallmeyer, who died February 5th, 1905, leaving her real and personal property to her son Wilhelm, who was, however, to pay to his brothers and sisters certain legacies as set out in the will. Wilhelm took possession of the property, but was unable to meet the debts and the legacies from the eighty acre farm and in the fall of 1907 after the legacy of Conrad was due as well as other debts he called the heirs and they agreed that the farm should be sold for \$7,200 or rented and the proceeds distributed equally after the debts had been paid. A contract was finally prepared and signed. The farm was rented to August Conrad and was contracted for sale by Fred Jaebker for \$3,500, but the latter was called off, Mr. Jaebker filing a reclaimer before the trial began. The heirs seem to have been unable to agree over some of the matters and the suit was filed asking for a settlement. The defendant, Wilhelm, filed a cross-complaint in which he said that he had been taken advantage of by his brother and he asked for a judgment for \$1,500. The case is a very complicated one and Judge Macy required an hour to render his decision. His finding was for the plaintiff and against the defendants, William and Dora Gallmeyer, on the cross-complaint and that no costs be held against Jaebker or Conrad after they filed the disclaimer on the first day of the trial. Just what the verdict carries with it, seemed rather hard to unravel and the attorneys and the court discussed various propositions. Attorneys for the plaintiff were allowed to prepare the decree. The costs in the case are about \$400 and according to this verdict they are against the defendants. Since this case affects the title to real estate, the defendants can take a new trial as of right and this they will do, according to statements by the attorneys. It is therefore quite likely that the case will be heard again. In giving his decision, Judge Macy said he considered it a very close question. The attorneys in the case were D. D. Heller & Son, J. C. Sutton, W. H. Eichhorn, C. J. Lutz, Peterson & Moran and Dore B. Erwin. It was a hard fought battle and the end is perhaps not in sight.

LITTLE GIRL BROKE HER ARM
Naomi, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lehman was quite badly hurt this morning. She was playing in the yard with a dog, which was pulling her around. In some way she was thrown to the ground and her collar bone was broken. A physician was called and bandaged the arm and she will be all right in a few days.

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