

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 sallow 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.



"UNCLE BILL" Wants to Know

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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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 reveled 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.

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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 evening 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-

M. E. church held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Moltz 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 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 just 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.

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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 \$221.12. 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.

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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.

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

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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 trustee and citizens there, was made a part of the free macadam roads of the county.

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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... 369.28

Machinery, tools and material... 2,274.38

Office fixtures 119.75

Cash on hands 20.00

Bills receivable and notes... 2,523.31

Total \$11,886.67

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

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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.

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weidler 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 Mutchler, Rose Schlickmann, Alice Knapp, Eddy Hachmann, Rose Nyffeler, Dora Schlickmann, Leah Nyffeler, Ella Mutschler and Messrs. Fred Ashbaucher, Louis Nyffeler.

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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. Clem Voglewede and son Cedric, Miss Elizabeth Voglewede, Misses Agnes and Kynt 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 Haubold 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. 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 Middleton 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 enjoyed 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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The Christina Endeavor Society of the German Reformed church will hold its first meeting of the fall to-night at the home of Miss Esther Schlemeyer on south First street. Contests will furnish the entertainment.

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Charles Idlewine, a well known young man