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It is now claimed that this maneuver business along the Mexican border is only an excuse for lining up our army for a tilt with Japan.

If you would be alive, if you would have the people know you are on the map, advertise. We will take care of you and are planning to do so in a more satisfactory manner soon.

The fire department proposition has not died, and in fact is not even sleeping. A movement is on to furnish a paid department for Decatur within a few weeks and we really believe it is going to solve itself in a manner satisfactory to every one.

Talk of peace today in the Mexican troubles, sounds good. Americans are for peace at all times. Of course, if the Japs insist on knocking the ship off we may give them a good spanking, but generally speaking, we prefer peace and if the Mexicans can agree it will do doubt be better for them and save us a lot of trouble and expense.

Teddy, the strenuous, has been quiet about as long as possible, longer in fact than most people thought he could be, but it has come—he has again broken into the big headlines—he is going to head an army division if the anticipated war with Japan materializes. Us fellows that thought last fall when he refused to be interviewed for a whole week, would finish him, seem to have another guess coming.

As the veterans of the civil war pass away one by one, it makes us think that if the United States is ever going to show their appreciation of the sacrifice these men made, they should be doing it soon. The dola-a-day pension law would give that sum to each of these men whose lives have undoubtedly been shortened many years, and many of whom have too much pride to fight for an increase and go through all the red tape necessary.

The new Decatur Directory and Adams County Gazetteer now being delivered by the Marion Directory and Publishing company of Anderson, is the most complete book of the kind ever put out in this locality. Its nearly three hundred pages are filled from cover to cover with information of a valuable nature to any community. It is well printed and well edited, and so far as we have been able to discern, is accurate. The Decatur directory is particularly good since it is the nearest complete ever issued here. The book also contains a business directory and a list of the inhabitants of Berne, Geneva, Monroe, Preble, Peterson, Linn Grove, Magley, Bingen and Bobo and all the routes.

ROBERT S. PETERSON

Handicapped during the forty-five years of his manhood by ill health, Robert S. Peterson never-the-less accomplished much, and one cannot help but ask what might have been his attainments, had he been blessed with rugged strength and good health. Though scarcely a day passed that his body was not more or less racked with pain, he won a commission in the army for his bravery, became a splendid lawyer, a banker, a leader in this community. He had his opinion on every matter and he upheld it, no matter if opposed by any man. He was broad-minded, open-hearted, free-handed and many business men and others owe him their gratitude for favors rendered. Though he has not been active for a decade, he was often consulted politically and in business matters during the latter days of his life. His counsel was always wise and his advice good. He was a pioneer naturally, and such men made possible the splendid conditions that exist now. He leaves an honorable career, a name unstained and a record

of having done things well. What more can any man leave as a heritage to his posterity?

ABLE TO USE CRUTCHES.

Lawrence Biggs, who has been in the St. Joseph hospital, Fort Wayne, the past month on account of having received a fracture of the leg while working in the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Fort Wayne, is still at the hospital, though he is able to go down town with the aid of crutches. He will probably be able to come home in a week or two.

The annual report of Mayor Teeple to the accounting board has just been completed, and through the courtesy of the mayor we have obtained this report for publication to let the people know the value of the city's property, as it stands today. Water lines and hydrants are valued at \$50,000; lines and street lamps, \$35,000; buildings and grounds, \$12,000; machinery at waterworks, \$16,000; electric light machinery, \$20,700; various tools connected with the plant, \$1,000. This gives the standing of the city's property today and totaled makes a sum of \$134,700. The value of the city's lot on Monroe street, where the city building formerly stood is placed at \$3,000; fire apparatus, \$1,400; city safe, \$100; furniture and fixtures in the city council room, \$250; furniture and books in the mayor's office, \$10; furniture and other supplies in city clerk's office, \$45.00; books and fixtures, treasurer's office \$200; a road scraper, roller and tools belonging to the city are valued at \$200. This is the value of the city's property in full, which the mayor was asked to prepare and present to the accounting board. From this all the residents of Decatur can at once see the city's wealth and each one knows the standing himself.

Bills, posters and window cards announcing the arrival of a land exhibit car were scattered throughout the city this morning by a preceding party, announcing its arrival, and that it would appear in this city on next Tuesday a week, March 28th. The car is being run by the Northern Pacific Railway company and will come over the G. R. & I. for a short visit, giving out useful information, regarding the cultivation of land and explain to all those interested the splendid opportunities which are afforded in the northwest, including the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The car will be accompanied by several of the best speakers obtainable, on the culture of land, and the best means to be used in obtaining better crops. This is also a splendid opportunity for homeseekers, who are looking for a place to locate, and where much mineral wealth is obtained. The government is offering much free land in this beautiful country and people from all parts of the country are locating there in the land of sunshine. The exact time of the arrival of the car is not known at present, but will be published later, so as to allow those wishing to hear these instructions an opportunity of being present.

HOUK SALE A BIG SUCCESS.

The sale of stock and farm goods given by Sam Houk and son Lou at the farm, five miles north of town Wednesday, was the biggest in this section this season, the total sales amounting to \$5,547. The horses brought big prices, five mares selling for \$1,500, while the cattle sold for an average of about \$65.00. The crowd was large and the bidding spirited, though the day was the worst of the spring. Auctioneers Spuhler and Fraugier did the work and did it well.

The Kokomo Grace M. E. church has urgently requested that their pastor, the Rev. J. C. White, formerly pastor of the M. E. church of this city, be returned to that pastorate for the ensuing year. The Kokomo Dispatch says regarding the prayer for return:

"The fourth quarterly conference of Grace M. E. church closed a very successful meeting last night, adopting resolutions in which the prayer was made for the return of the Rev. J. C. White as pastor of the church for another year, recommending that his salary be increased from \$1,800 to \$2,000 a year, urging the retention of C. C. Cissell as district superintendent, and inviting him to take up his residence in Kokomo.

"The resolution spoke complimentarily of Rev. White and family as well, saying that they secured the favor of all with whom they came in contact, and that the good will borne them was not confined to the church with which they were identified.

"The Rev. White was described as 'spiritual, tactful, energetic and never failing' and his work in general was warmly praised.

"Since coming to Kokomo the Rev. White has made a pronouncedly fa-

vorable impression not only with the membership of his church but with the Kokomo public as well.

"A veteran member of the church said last night that this year had been one of the best in the twenty-five years of the history of the church of which he had recollection. "The affairs of the church under the administration of the Rev. White are in fine shape for the conference which meets in this city in April. There seems no question of the return of the Rev. White and the Rev. Sprague to their pastorate."

Conference Arrangements.

"The committee upon entertainment for the Methodist conference is working with energy and receiving much encouragement in getting everything in readiness to take care of the six hundred visitors who are to be in the city upon the occasion of this gathering.

"The Rev. James L. Sprague said yesterday that provisions had been made for three hundred of the visitors. This leaves a vast deal of work yet to be done by the committee in charge. They are working energetically and heroically as there is a vast deal of work yet to be finished.

"But when the time comes for the great event it will be found that the local reception committee has put everything in readiness for the big gathering, and that the visitors will leave Kokomo loud in their praises of the hospitality of Kokomo people."

Anxious relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick and Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Edwards of Leipsic, Ohio, who up until Wednesday had not as yet received any word since a week ago last Monday, were relieved of their anxiety when late Wednesday a letter from Mexico City was received by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Suttles. They arrived at that place on the ninth, just one week ago today, and the day following wrote their people here of their arrival, and of the much pleasure they are enjoying. They were greeted at Mexico City by Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, who had journeyed five hundred miles from Oaxaca, where she has been spending the winter months and where her daughter, Mrs. Dick Wallace, is making her home. They will remain their guests for something like a week or more, from which place they will take in a number of side-trips, which country to the traveler is of a most beautiful and charming nature. On their return they will take a different route, stopping off at places of interest in Texas, where they enjoy acquaintances, and which trip will also be of much pleasure, added to their already grand sight-seeing trip.

SALE LARGELY ATTENDED.

In spite of the bad weather Wednesday the Sam and Lou Houk sale, held near Williams Wednesday, was largely attended and the sales ran high. Mr. Sam Houk has leased his fine large farm to Henry Koehnemann of this city, who has in turn secured Ernest Buuck to look after the place. Sam Houk will move to Fort Wayne. Lou Houk has purchased an interest in a shoe store at Auburn, his partner being Mr. McClung. He has been there two weeks, looking after his store, and has already moved his household goods there, although Mrs. Houk will not go until later. Several Decatur people attended the sale.

The new directory of Adams county, Decatur and the smaller towns, for which a crew of men under the direction of Frank Saunmig of the Marion Directory and Publishing company of Anderson, were engaged last fall in gathering data, is finished and H. T. Hallam, foreman of the Herald Publishing company of Anderson, has arrived and is busily delivering the books. The new directory is up to date in every respect and is one of the most complete ever gotten out in this district.

It is a neat book of 275 pages, neatly bound in orange-colored cloth, with extra inserted pages in color on which are specially fine advertisements of the various business firms of the county. Besides the margins and fly-leaf pages are lined with ads, and besides being a compendium of useful knowledge relating to the county and towns, is a good advertising agency.

And now for the general usefulness of the book. It contains an alphabetical list of private citizens, and business firms with their street and telephone numbers, occupations, etc., of those living in Decatur, also a complete list of rural residents, together with those of Berne, Geneva, Monroe, Preble, Pleasant Mills, Peterson, Bingen, Bobo, Linn Grove and Magley. Besides this, there is a street and avenue guide, a list of city and county officials, township trustees, department of public schools, churches, secret societies, etc., of inestimable value to every resident of the county. The company is certainly to be complimented upon their fine work. The books sell at \$3.00 each and orders for same may be placed by telephoning to this office.

Willshire, Ohio, March 16—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Two destructive fires visited Willshire Wednesday night, totally destroying the Dr. S. K. Christy barn and the Mrs. James Jones' residence. Though the buildings destroyed were several blocks apart in location, and several hours apart in time of destruction, one was probably dependent upon the other, as it is probable that sparks from the first were carried by the high wind to the roof of the other, where they lay smoldering until fanned into full flame.

Dr. S. K. Christy Barn.

The first fire was that which totally consumed the barn of Dr. S. K. Christy, with all its contents. The blaze was first noticed at about 8 o'clock Wednesday night and at that time had gained such headway that in fifteen minutes it was a total ruin. A large amount of hay, oats, and corn was consumed with the barn. Fortunately the doctor was away with the horse and rig and these were consequently saved. His automobile, which was in a shed adjoining, was gotten safely out. The origin of the fire is unknown. The doctor had been away from home since 5 o'clock and no lantern was left burning in the barn, nor was there known to be anything else there to contribute to the starting of a fire. The loss will run up to seven or eight hundred dollars.

Jones Residence Burns.

At 3 o'clock this morning the residence of Mrs. James Jones, a widow residing about a square west of the hotel, was burned to the ground. The fire was discovered in time to arouse the family and also to save a part of the household goods. Much difficulty, however, was experienced in arousing a son of Mrs. Jones. The son is crippled and he was gotten out barely in time to escape the falling-in of the burning roof. The origin of this fire is also unknown, unless it caught from slumbering sparks from the burning barn seven hours before, and which might have been carried by the high wind of the day. The loss to Mrs. Jones is from \$800 to \$900. Some insurance was carried.

More Excitement.

Some excitement was caused early in the afternoon by the explosion of a film in the Dull moving picture show in the Bank block in the second story, but no damage was done, though there was considerable excitement for a while. Reports reached Decatur that the contents of the room were damaged, though there was none done to the building, but that water from the room above seeped through to the August Brown grocery below doing slight damage. This, however, proved untrue, as there was nothing but the excitement accompanying a little explosion of the film.

JOHN DREW IN "SMITH"

At the Majestic Theater, Ft. Wayne, March 21st.

John Drew in "Smith," when he appears at the Majestic theater, Fort Wayne, will not be quite the John Drew of old to his many admirers. He will have plenty of his usual polished comedy, but he will have some thoroughly serious work as well, and he will have an opportunity, denied him for many seasons, of showing how fine his range is when given the material. "Smith" strikes a deeper note and has a much more serious meaning than any of its author's previous plays. There is a dramatic scene in the third act, so unexpected, human and pathetic that it brings hearts into throats and makes the audience sit up and gasp. The play is not piffle, neither is it a sermon. It holds the mirror up to nature, and it will give a whole lot of fashionable women a chance to see themselves as others see them. Mr. Drew has an unusually excellent supporting company, including Mary Boland, last seen with him in "Inconstant George," and who will enact Smith, the character which gives the play its name.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 16—(Special to Daily Democrat)—After carefully reading the statement made yesterday by Count Ernest von Bentlow that Japan was preparing to strike at American possessions in the Pacific, Frederick L. Huidskoper, military expert, said:

"That is the sanest statement of the real situation that I have read. Everybody in touch with the situation knows its accuracy. There are about 60,000 Japanese in Hawaii now, practically all of them are veterans of the Russo-Japanese war and who are now armed. There are officers there working in many positions. Within three days, if the word was given, these 60,000 could be organized into an effective fighting corps, officered and armed.

"It would be the best thing for us if we should have a war with Japan and for the first year be badly beaten. I don't think any nation in the world can ultimately beat the United States. We will be beaten the first year, but after that America will wake up and be ready. England is in the same position. She is never ready for war

and has always been beaten at the outset of a war simply because she is never prepared.

"We are worse off than England as regards unpreparedness. When we regard ourselves beaten at the start of a war then we will begin to realize and will ultimately triumph because we have awakened."

Indianapolis, Ind., March 16—The politicians and the voters of Indiana will awaken one of these days to the fact that we have a good live registration law, and that it will be necessary to register in order to qualify as a voter. The law as passed is known as the one of the first provisions is that the changing of any precinct boundary lines must be done at the March session of the board of commissioners instead of at the June session as is now the law. Under the provisions of the law each precinct is given a registration inspector, who is appointed by the commissioners, this appointment being made at the April term of the board of any year when an election will be held in November following. Two registration clerks are also appointed, their appointment being recommended by the chairman of the two political parties casting the highest number of votes at the preceding general election. These recommendations are made to the precinct inspector, and the latter individual appoints the clerks so recommended. Blanks and a registration book is furnished by the county auditor. The first registration day is in May, the one hundred and eighteenth day preceding such general election. The second registration is in September, the sixtieth day before the election, and the third and last registration comes in October, twenty-nine days before the election. Notice by publication is given by the auditor of the days and places for such registration, and should you fail to register it is a bar from voting. That being true it will cause the party managers to get busy and see that their vote is cast on the registration days. The expenses of this registration is paid out of the county treasury the same as other election expenses are paid. This registration will not prove such a necessity in Adams county, but unfortunately it is impossible to legislate and compel one locality to do something that another locality is not compelled to do. This registration is an absolute necessity in the large cities, and some not so large, where it is the habit to chase the floaters at will. It will lessen this evil and come nearer giving the franchise privilege to but those entitled to it. It is at least worth a trial and a fair and impartial trial at that.

Many of the Indiana congressmen are at home during the little vacation allotted them before the convening of the special session on April 4th. Congressman Cullop was in Indianapolis and had much to say about what the lower house of congress had up their sleeve for the special session. He was full of fire and seemed more than hopeful that the democratic majority of sixty-five would make a good record. Congressman Adair is at his home in Portland, and several of the big ones here are daily looking for him to put in an appearance at the capital before he returns to Washington. He was at Anderson the other day, he being then a companion of the Hon. Champ Clark, the next speaker, and who was filling a lecture engagement at this Indiana city. Congressman Adair was looking fine, but not anxious for the extra session which may extend into the hot weather, and Washington in hot weather is about the worst ever.

The standpatters from Indiana are keeping the trail hot to the white house, and are doing everything in their power to put one over the Beveridges in the matter of appointments in this state. The Hon. James P. Goodrich is in Washington this week, and there is no question but what they have the rollers for every one who has stood by former Senator Beveridge, and there is no question, too, in their ability in manipulating anything that is worth manipulating. State Chairman Lee got his, and it is common gossip that there are others. While all this is going on, the standpatters are loudly talking of harmony and want to have a big dinner with President Taft as the central figure.

It is reported that the governor has offered a place on the state tax board to former secretary of state, Fred A. Sims, and that he has accepted. If this proves true Mr. Sims will succeed Mr. Fred Gemmer, at one time private secretary to Governor Hanly. The change will take place at an early date.

L. G. E.

FOR SALE—Two fresh half Jersey cows, calves two weeks old. Incan Willard Steele, or phone 110. 64-3

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

The contract for the heating of the DeBolt school house was let late Wednesday afternoon after it had been determined who was the successful bidder on the buildings. Seven bids were offered, three for steam heat and four for hot air furnaces. The bids for steam heating were:

The American Warming Ventilation Co., \$475.
A. J. Moser & Co., \$490.
P. J. Hyland, \$500.
The bids for the hot air plant were:
Legge Heating & Ventilation Co., \$287.
W. H. Johnson & Son, \$291.
Majestic Furnace & Foundry Co., \$250.
T. A. Leonard, \$181.

T. A. Leonard was the lowest bidder, placing his estimate on a plain furnace equipment, but the board was inclined to the fan system and the contract was awarded to the Legge Heating and Ventilation Co. of Auburn, the lowest bidders for this style of equipment.

This makes the total cost of the new school building exactly \$6,524.91, complete, including the other two buildings.

The amount of the successful bidder's contract is \$6,237.91, instead of \$6,227.91, as stated in our article of Wednesday night.

TO UNDERGO OPERATION.

Mrs. R. K. Allison, accompanied by her husband and their daughter, Miss Marie, who is at home from National Park Seminary, Washington, D. C., will leave tomorrow for Fort Wayne where Mrs. Allison will enter the St. Joseph hospital for treatment. Mrs. Allison has been ailing for some time with the growth of an abdominal tumor and an operation is imperative. If arrangements will carry as planned, the operation will take place Thursday, being performed by Dr. Rosenthal of Fort Wayne, assisted by Dr. P. B. Thomas of this city. The operation was postponed until the spring vacation of the daughter, Miss Marie, who has been attending school at Washington, D. C., might be with her mother during the trying ordeal. That a speedy and complete recovery may be the good fortune of Mrs. Allison is the sincere hope of her many Decatur friends.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

George E. Massonne Opened Place of Business For First Yesterday.

Wednesday afternoon for the first time George E. Massonne, a local young man, opened a place of business on Madison street, just opposite the court house, where he will handle a full line of fruits, and other kindred lines. He is carrying a good stock, all new and clean. He has a fine line of early vegetables and intends to make this line his leader.

George is a hustler and with his experience in this line of business he cannot help but make a success of it.

MEASLES EPIDEMIC.

That the measles is not yet stamped out is shown by the fact of our having four new cases reported today. Not content with attacking the children alone it is now being taken by the older folks. At the home of Newton Parrish in the west part of the city, one little girl, and his wife are down with the measles, while he is sick with another malady. Alton, son of Dallas Hower, is confined to his home with the same disease. Alta, daughter of Charles Teeple, is also sick, all the cases having been discovered in the last few days.

BERT MOSHER SAYS

"Away with cheap trash productions," says Bert Mosher, manager of those two successful staves, who are starring in "What a Girl Can Do." There has been a flood of western dramas filled with the action of wild plains and hills. There have been dainty offerings from drawing rooms; there have been society plays and problem plays, but the much wanted play has been found in "What a Girl Can Do." It's exquisite beautifully written where pathos and comedy blend a nicely, holding the audience in a delightful state of anxiety until the final curtain. At opera house on Friday, March 17th.

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EPILEPSY

St. Vitus Dance, Stubborn Nervous Disorders, Fits respond immediately to the remarkable treatment that has for 39 years been a standard remedy for these troubles—DR. KLINE'S GREAT NERVE RESTORE. It is prescribed especially for these diseases and is not a cure-all. Its beneficial effects are immediate and lasting. Physicians recommend it and druggists sell it. To prove its wonderful virtues, we will cheerfully send, without charge, a FULL \$2.00 SUPPLY Bottle Free to those who will send us a full name and address. Address DR. KLINE INSTITUTE, 6 Branch 101, Red Bank, New Jersey.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEY AND BLOOD