

REPRESENTATIVES.

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 * Piano Duet—Erma Houk and
 * Crystal Kern.
 * Vocal Solo—Gladys McMillen.

The first step in the interesting literary and music contest to be held by the Decatur, Geneva and Berne high schools, the latter part of this month, in this city, was taken Friday by the Decatur high school, when the preliminary contest was held, the winners being the representatives to take part in the final contest. The above list sets forth the names of the winners for representation in the final contest.

The program began at 10 o'clock Friday morning at the central school building, the morning being devoted to the literary program. Judges in this department were Attorney D. E. Smith, Ben Beavers and Miss Faye Smith. The literary program was divided into orations, discussions and readings, being as follows:

LITERARY.

Section I.

- Oration—"Perseverance"—Otto Rice.
 Oration—"The Universal Call to Peace"—Estella Perkins.
 Reading—"A Story Told by Bob Bellows"—Ethel Smith.
 Reading—"In the Ninth Inning"—John Prescott Earl—Lucile White.
 Reading—"A Kid's Composition on Mothers"—Henry A. Shute—Effe Miller.
 Reading—"Queen Esther's Petition"—Cleo Roop.

Section II.

- Oration—"American Manhood"—Clem Steigmeyer.
 Discussion—"Resolved, That Farming, Under Present Conditions is the Most Desirable Occupation for a Young Man." Affirmative, Orpha Sheets; negative, Roy Jahn; affirmative, Lawrence Archbold.
 Reading—"Tom Sawyer's Love-making," by Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain)—Naomi Dugan.
 Reading—"Katherine's Visit to New York"—Hulda Bauer.
 Reading—"Gay's Adventure"—By Annie F. Johnson—Marie Daniels.
 The decision of the judges returned was as follows:

Orations.

1. Clem Steigmeyer.
2. Estella Perkins.
3. Otto Rice.

Discussion.

1. Roy Jahn.
2. Orpha Sheets.
3. Lawrence Archbold.

Readings.

1. Ethel Smith.
2. Hulda Bauer.
3. Cleo Roop.
4. Marie Daniels.
5. Naomi Dugan.
6. Effe Miller.
7. Lucile White.

The afternoon was devoted to the musical program, the judges in this department being Dr. Fred Patterson, Miss Lizzie Peterson and Miss Ruby Miller. This department had three divisions—piano solos, piano duets and vocal solos—and the program follows:

MUSICAL.

Section I.

- PIANO SOLO.
 "Polonaise in A"—Chopin—Erma Houk.
 "Oh, Thou Sublime Evening Star"—Tannhauser—R. Wagner—Crystal Kern.
 "Martha"—F. Bon Flotow—(Trans.)—Sydney Smith.
 "Polish Dance"—Scharivenka—Dorothy Dugan.

VOCAL DUET.

- "Nightengale's Complaint"—Monemia Fleming, Gladys McMillen.

VOCAL SOLO.

- "Mission of a Rose"—Fred Cowen—Mary Erwin.
 "Sing Me to Sleep"—Grun—Nellie Daniels.
 "The Boatman's Song"—Geo. H. Clutsam—Ruth Patterson.
 (a) "There's Goin' to be a Concert;" Carrie Jacob Bond. (b) "As Their Father Had Done Before"—Glen Neptune.
 "The Rose in the Garden"—W. H. Neidlinger—Gladys McMillen.
 Piano Duet.
 "Mid-Summer Night's Dream"—Mendelssohn—Erma Houk, Crystal Kern.
 "Poet and Peasant"—Bon Suppe—Gladys Graham, Lulu Atz.
 "Madrilena"—Wach—Lillian Rice, Reba Quinn.

PIANO TRIO.

Section 2.

- MIXED QUARTET.
 Greg Neptune, Sherman Beery, Gladys Kern, Edwina VanCamp.
 Vocal Solo—"Rowing"—R. Kovern—Greg Neptune.
 Piano Solo—Helen Fanner.
 The standing according to the de-

cision of the judges is as follows:

- PIANO SOLO.
 1. Dorothy Dugan.
 2. Erma Houk.
 3. Crystal Kern.
 PIANO DUET.
 1. Erma Houk, Crystal Kern.
 2. Lillian Rice, Reba Quinn.
 3. Lulu Atz, Gladys Graham.
 VOCAL SOLO.
 1. Gladys McMillen.
 2. Mary Erwin.
 3. Ruth Patterson.

The preliminary contest was a most excellent one and all who took part therein are being highly complimented for their excellent work. While the faculty and the expectant audience knew fully well that some very good talent is in the Decatur high school, and they were expecting a very good manifestation Friday, the students far outdid their expectations. The representatives will put forth their best efforts to win the final contest.

Richard H. Hartford of Portland has been appointed to hear the big Blue Creek ditch case and assumed jurisdiction Monday. From the list of circuit judges formerly submitted Judge Powers of Angola was agreed upon, but he is sick and could not come. Judge Merryman then submitted a list of lawyers, including Mr. Hartford, Mr. Harper of Ft. Wayne and Mr. Whipple of Portland, the former being chosen. The cause will not be tried for two or three weeks, going over to the April term.

VanCamp claim cases will be up next Tuesday and Wednesday and the Hattie Studabaker petition to vacate alley comes Wednesday. The Erhart vs. Nenderhouser case is set for Thursday and the C. & E. petition to reduce assessment on Mercer avenue on Friday.

A marriage license was issued to Russel Wheeler, 28, farmer, Geneva, to Ethel L. Stanley, 24, Geneva.

It has been many years since the marriage license business has been so slow in Adams county as the month of March showed, the total number for the month being only nine. The same month last year showed twenty-one licenses issued.

Real estate transfers: A. P. Hardison to Walter Cross, pt. lot 147, Geneva, \$1400; Margaret J. Hahn to Mary Macklin, lot 338, Geneva, \$200; E. E. Mentzer to E. J. Ahr, 80 acres, Union tp., \$1200; C. M. Weldy to Wm. Weber, 99 acres, Kirkland tp., \$12,000; Wm. Weber to Rachael Buckmaster, 80 acres, Washington tp., \$8,200.

VISIT FACTORY AT CINCINNATI.

E. H. Lyon, state agent for the Jarecki Chemical company of Cincinnati, Ohio, left at noon today for Cincinnati, with a party to visit at the company's factory. The party included Charles Kokent of Avilla, O. A. Lyon of Orland, Charles Oetting of Hoagland and Daniel Erwin of this city, all customers of Mr. Lyon, who will highly appreciate this visit to the factory where the fertilizer which they use on their farms, is made.

B. W. SHOLTY AT HOME.

Mrs. B. W. Sholty and T. R. Moore went to Fort Wayne this morning to accompany Mr. Sholty home this afternoon from the Lutheran hospital, where he underwent an operation a few weeks ago. He is getting along remarkably well.

Albany, N. Y., April 1—Supreme Court Justice James Aloysius O'Gorman, democrat, of New York City, was elected United States senator last night by the legislature after the most prolonged struggle over the position ever held in the Empire state. On the final ballot, the sixty-fourth, he received 112 votes to 80 cast for Chauncey M. Depew, whose term expired March 4th.

At the close of a day of almost continuous negotiations, the democratic insurgents capitulated and Justice O'Gorman was elected. A few minutes before the ballot was cast Justice O'Gorman's resignation from the bench was filed at the office of the secretary of state, as a constitutional provision would have prohibited his election while holding the office of justice of the supreme court.

Wild applause marked the end of the long contest and the legislature, driven from the state capitol by Wednesday's fire, quickly adopted a resolution, adjourning until April 17th.

Governor Dix expressed gratification at the result.

"The state of New York," he said, "has elected for its representative in the federal senate an eminent jurist, a man of pronounced ability, of great attainments and of the highest character. The election of Judge O'Gorman cannot but meet with the approval of the citizens of this state, regardless of party."

The Erie railroad company is en-

gaged at the present time in extensive improvements which, when completed, will make it one of the leading trans-continental lines. In the east they have cut down a grade, which succeeded in saving them twenty-seven engines per day. At other places they have double tracked the road, which will eventually be done the entire length of the line. They are at present running eight tracks into New York City and other terminal facilities at Chicago gives them ingress to any part of the city. This, coupled with the large number of the through trains which they operate from the different cities along the line will eventually give them the bulk of the passenger traffic. They are operating an especially fast freight service designed to give the local shipper of small amounts the same advantage that the large shipper employing whole trains enjoys, with the added advantage that their connections can eliminate delays at all transfer points. This road runs through several of the richest districts in the United States and loaded trains can be observed running both ways, a rare thing in railroad business.

After a lingering and patient illness since last June, with a complication of diseases Theodore Droleman of Jeffersonville, Ind., formerly connected in business life, related and well known here died at three-thirty o'clock Friday afternoon in a hospital at that place. The news of his death was received by Mrs. Margaret Meibers the deceased whose son-in-law he was, telling of his passing away but no further explanations regarding his death was given. He has been afflicted with heart trouble for some time and last June was overtaken with a severe seige after which dropsy and appendicitis set in placing his condition in a very serious one and owing to the weakened condition nothing much could be done to effect a cure. For four weeks he has been confined to the hospital and but little benefit was derived from the change and he gradually became weaker until relieved by death. Mrs. Meibers who has visited there on many occasions just returned home about four weeks ago at which time he stated as feeling somewhat improved but which lasted only a short duration and he soon sank into his former condition never to regain his health. His demise although looked for for several days the end came as a severe shock to the heart broken wife and daughter Sylvia.

Mr. Droleman was formerly connected in business here and acted in the capacity as local agent for the Adams express company which he held for several years. From here he went to Louisville, Ky., where he took charge of a Fern Grove which he successfully conducted and later taking charge of a hotel along with his other business. For the last eight years he has been a resident of Jeffersonville, Ind., where he also followed the hotel line. Twenty-three years ago last September he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Meibers of this city and whose life has been a very happy one. To this union was born one child Sylvia who with the mother is left to mourn their sad loss. He also leaves a brother who is somewhere located in the south and three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Algar and Miss Louisa Droleman of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Dena Lang of Cincinnati and Mrs. Mary Grove of Jeffersonville, Ind.

BOLD YEGGMEN AT DES MOINES

Des Moines, Ia., April 1.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—In an unsuccessful attempt to procure \$100,000 from the vaults of the court house here early today, four yeggmen wrecked the vault, bound and gagged a clerk who was on guard and shot a policeman in a running revolver fight. The outer door of the vault was blown off with nitro-glycerine, but the inner door held on. The men escaped under heavy fire, but later one arrest was made.

REV. A. B. HAIST HERE.

Former Pastor of Evangelical Church to Speak Sunday.

Rev. A. B. Haist of Olney, Ill., a former pastor of the Evangelical church here, will be a guest of the pastor, Rev. D. O. Wise, over Sunday. Rev. Haist will be the morning speaker and probably at the evening service. He is an able speaker, as will be remembered by a number of Decatur people, and he will without doubt be greeted by a full house on each occasion.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 1—Two Indiana cities yesterday voted for the readmittance of saloons under the new city and township local option law. In Newcastle, Henry county, the "wets" won by a majority of 582 and in Plymouth, Marshall county, their majority was 120. Both counties had been "dry" under the county option law.

The day was not altogether with

the pro-saloon forces in the state, however, for in elections in eight townships the "drys" were victorious in seven. In Marshall county the "drys" won in Bourbon, Polk and Tippecanoe townships and lost in Union township. Locke, Oliver and Washington townships, in Elkhart county, voted "dry."

In Newcastle the vote was the heaviest ever cast in a local election. The total vote was 2,534. "Wet," 1,588; "dry," 976. "Wet" majority, 582. Newcastle will have nine saloons with a license fee of \$500. By ordinance the saloons will have no screens, no rear doors, no inside stairways and no elevators.

ADAMS COUNTY CENSUS REPORT.

Lloyd Arlo is the name of the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Miller on Rural Route 8, just across the state line. A baby girl also came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reinking of Union township.

Dr. Henry Moore, president of the board of trustees of the tuberculosis hospital at Rockville, which was opened today, completed the apportionment of beds by counties, the apportionment being based on the population of the counties. The apportionment will be certified to the boards of county commissioners.

Each patient sent to the hospital will be entitled to remain twenty-six weeks, although the board expects most of them to leave the institution in less time. In the apportionment the full use of one bed for at least twenty-six weeks a year is to be allowed each county whatever its population may be. Twelve larger counties are entitled, on the population basis, to more than one bed throughout the year, Marion county, the largest, being entitled to twelve.

The apportionment is worked out on a weekly basis. Thus, a number of counties were found to be entitled to fifty-two weeks, one year, continuous service, at the hospital, with additional weeks. Several counties were found to be entitled to fewer than twenty-six weeks a year, but were allowed, by the board, a half year's continuous service. One hundred and twenty-three beds are provided for in the hospital for continuous service. According to a ruling of the board, if any county does not send enough patients to occupy all the beds to which it is entitled, the beds may be assigned to patients from other counties.

The apportionment for the entire state, on a weekly basis, is as follows, the number of weeks being a measure of the amount of service to which each county is entitled each year:

- Adams county, 55 weeks; Allen 233; Bartholomew, 62; Benton, 32; Blackford, 40; Boone, 62; Brown, 26; Carroll, 76; Clay, 31; Clinton, 67; Crawford, 30; Daviess, 69; Dearborn, 53; Decatur, 47; DeKalb, 63; Delaware, 129; Dubois, 50; Elkhart, 123; Fayette, 26; Floyd, 76; Fountain, 51; Franklin, 38; Fulton, 44; Gibson, 75; Grant, 128; Greene, 92; Hamilton, 68; Hancock, 48; Harrison, 51; Hendricks, 52; Henry, 74; Howard, 82; Huntington, 72; Jackson, 62; Jasper, 33; Jay, 62; Jefferson, 51; Jennings, 36; Johnson, 51; Knox, 98; Kosciusko, 70; Lagrange, 38; Lake, 207; Laporte, 114; Lawrence, 77; Madison, 163; Marion, 659; Marshall, 60; Martin, 32; Miami, 73; Monroe, 59; Montgomery, 73; Morgan, 53; Newton, 26; Noble, 60; Ohio, 26; Orange, 43; Owen, 35; Parke, 56; Perry, 45; Pike, 49; Porter, 51; Posey, 54; Pulaski, 33; Putnam, 51; Randolph, 73; Ripley, 49; Rush, 48; St. Joseph, 211; Scott, 26; Shelby, 67; Spencer, 52; Starke, 26; Steuben, 36; Sullivan, 81; Switzerland, 26; Tippecanoe, 100; Tipton, 44; Union, 26; Vanderburg, 194; Vermillion, 47; Vigo, 220; Wabash, 67; Warren, 26; Warrick, 55; Washington, 44; Wayne, 109; Wells, 56; White, 44; Whitley, 42.

OTTO RINGLING, 51, DEAD.

Member of Circus Firm of Brothers Expires in New York.

New York, April 1—Otto Ringling of circus fame, died here last night at the home of his brother, John, as the big show of which he was joint owner with his four brothers, was giving its evening performance at Madison Square Garden. He was fifty-one years old. Death was due to uremic poisoning. He will be buried Sunday afternoon at Paraboo, Wis., his birthplace.

The Star of Bethlehem, perhaps the newest lodge of the city, which was instituted here just five months ago, and which has grown so rapidly that it now has sixty members, Friday evening elected officers to serve for the next quarter. These officers will be installed next Friday evening, the lady legate, Mrs. Charles Diller, of Huntington, being the installing officer. At that time also, a large class of candidates will be received into the order. The following officers were elected Friday evening, who, with four others to be named at the next Fri-

day evening's meeting, will comprise the official list for the next three months:

- Commander—Ed Lawson.
 Vice Commander—Green Burkhead.
 Marshal—Charles Brown.
 Scribe—Dorrie Burkhead.
 Treasurer—Mrs. S. E. Brown.
 Secretary—Ed Keller.
 Inner Sentinel—Mr. Keller.
 Outer Sentinel—Will Foreman.
 Past Commander—S. E. Brown.

ANOTHER COMMUNICATION.

Mr. Editor:

A "Business Man" of Decatur communicated to me by mail yesterday, some very "important information," which I am perfectly willing to turn over to some one else if it can be of any practical benefit to them.

I may look it all right, but I am no sucker, or cat's paw to get the chestnuts out of the fire for a "Business Man" or any one else.

Respectfully,

I. IMLER.

MEXICAN CONGRESS CONVENES.

(United Press Service.)

San Antonio, Tex., April 1—(Special to Daily Democrat)—With the Mexican congress convening today, further negotiations toward peace depended largely on the message of President Diaz. Members of the revolution side declared they knew the scope of the message and believe it will not be acceptable to Medero. A signal for the continuation of the war they declare will mean an uprising covering the whole of Mexico.

BEGINS DUTY TODAY

As Bookkeeper for the Fort Wayne & Springfield.

Clayton Schafer of Bluffton, formerly of the M. B. & E. traction line, today began work with the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway company as bookkeeper. Mr. Schafer will move his family to this city later to reside.

Forty-five were in attendance at the meeting of the Mite society Friday afternoon at the M. E. church parlors, this being the last meeting of the conference year. At the next meeting in two weeks, which will be the first one of the new year, the election of officers will take place. At that time plans for the year will also be made. The afternoon Friday was an enjoyable one, during the entertainment period there being music by Mrs. P. B. Thomas' phonograph, the program consisting of sacred songs.

While many of the members of the Christian Aid society were presented by messes from attending the regular meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Will Parr, the attendance was quite good and several business matters were considered. On account of not being able to secure a business room next week, the April white sale has been postponed a short while. A dinner will be given Thursday, April 13th, and a special business meeting will be held next week at the home of Mrs. Noah Mangold to complete arrangements. A social hour, during which refreshments were served, concluded Friday afternoon's delightful meeting.

Mrs. W. H. Murphy entertained at 5 o'clock dinner in honor of her granddaughter, Mrs. Harry Archbold, of Fort Wayne, and Mr. J. L. Edge and great-grandson. Mrs. Archbold and babe will go to Ft. Wayne, where her husband will meet her and from there they will go to Indianapolis, where they will remain for some time.

The closing of the Rupright school northwest of the city, taught by Miss Effe Patton of this city, was made a gala event, the usual big dinner at noon, and an excellent program of speech and song by the pupils, being features of the event. Several from this city were in attendance.

Frank Mills, who has just closed a successful term as teacher at the Election school house, west of this city, was given a very pleasant farewell surprise party, the affair being arranged by Mrs. Ed Zimmerman, at whose home he boarded during the term, the guests being a number of the young people of the community. Games and music and refreshments contributed to the good time. The closing day of Frank's school Friday was a great one. About 103 people sat down at noon to the sumptuous dinner served by the patrons, and the number increased to 125 to hear the program of the afternoon, given by the boys and girls, pupils of the schools, by Attorney C. L. Walters of this city, and by the Decatur quartet, comprising Gregg Neptune, Lawrence Biggs, Sherman Beery and Frank Mills.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

The Ladies' Shakespeare club, which closes its study for the season April 19th, is making arrangements for a very elaborate closing social affair, which will be given at the home of Mrs. C. A. Dugan. The exact date has not yet been named, but the Euchre club, with Mrs. M. R. Brackett and sister, Mrs. R. G. Traub, of Petoskey, Mesdames J. W. Tyndall, C. A. Dugan and Fred Heuer, as guests, spent a delightful evening with Mrs. H. H. Moltz. Guest's prize was won by Mrs. Heuer and the club prize by Mrs. T. M. Reid. After cards, Mrs. Moltz served very delicious refreshments, and dainty, in her usual pleasing way.

It will probably take place some before Easter, before the closing of the season's study. The committee on arrangement has corresponded with some very fine readers and it is probable that the club will provide their guests with something very fine in this line, besides according them one of the most delightful general social entertainments of the history of the club.

The social given Friday evening at the Presbyterian church parlors was a very successful one, both socially and financially, and a very nice sum of money was realized for the treasury. There were games and music to contribute to the entertainment, special feature of which was the fortune tellers' tent, realistically gleaming with red lights, and where the fortunes of all were charmingly told by various young maidens. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were provided and there were also home made candies for sale.

The C. W. B. M. of the Christian church will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Elmer Smith on North Third street, when the following program will be given:

- Hymn.
 Special prayer for colored women.
 Bible Lesson—Rom. 15—Mrs. Fager, Leader.
 Hymn.
 Work of Louisville Bible School.
 Mrs. Artman.
 Recitation—"Me and My Blah Mammy"—Ruth Daniels.
 Negro Churches in Indianapolis.
 Mrs. Dawson.
 Messages from Students of Southern Christian Institute—Dorothy Schultz.
 Why Do We Need a Negro School in Texas?—Mrs. McKinney.
 Quotations from African Missionaries—Mrs. Williams.
 Hymn.
 Business.

CHAMP CLARK IS SPEAKER.

(United Press Service.)
 Washington, D. C., April 1—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The democratic caucus held today selected Champ Clark for speaker unanimously and voted to reduce the number of employees so that a saving of \$18,000 annually will be made in the payroll.

SELLS DOZEN MORE.

Frisinger & Sprunger reported this morning the sale of another pair of their Belgian horses, a stallion and mare, going to Frank R. Catlin of Lumbiaville, Mich., a prosperous farmer of that community, owning the hundred and twenty acres. It is recently that the Michigan farmers are taking kindly to the heavy Belgian stock. The horse is a bay four-year-old and weighs 1900 pounds. The mare is a three-year-old bay.

Another sale consummated Wednesday morning was to the Horse & Car company, and was for ten Belgians, all of which were offered at the sale, none of them bringing less than \$300.

Miss Velma Daniels returned from Geneva this morning, where she has been teaching the past week, and remaining in the city over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bracht of Mound, Mich., arrived in the city this morning to be in attendance at the funeral of their grandson, Albert Cloud, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cloud, whose death occurred on Thursday night. The last rites will be held Sunday at 9:30 at the home and at 10 o'clock from the German Reformed church, with R. Hessert officiating.

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