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Some one has said: "If you save money, you're a grouch; if you spend it, you're a loafer; if you get it, you're a grafted; if you don't get it, you're a bum. So what's the use?"

Decatur merchants are now and have been for a month past paying more money for butter and eggs than any town in this locality, including Fort Wayne. If the farmer wants the highest price for his produce, he should bring it to Decatur. They will soon find this out and if these prices continue, we will soon have a great business city.

The census bureau has finally given out the population of Decatur and they say it is 4,471, an increase of 329 over ten years previous. Whether it is or not, that will stand as the real thing for ten years or until the census of 1920 is announced. While many of our people had hoped for the five thousand mark, it is as likely that as many are surprised that we show an increase. Those who guessed 4,500 seem to have about hit the mark. Bluffton leads us by about five hundred. Still we have a good town and should make the greatest growth in the next ten years, in our history.

The Waring Glove company is a permanent fixture. They have proven themselves a good thing for Decatur. When they came here the merchants made an agreement for the payment of rent for a certain length of time. There was the usual amount of complaining, but how many times over and over have they paid back that small amount of money into the hands of Decatur families and stores? Now they propose to erect a permanent home, a model factory, in which the girls who earn a livelihood, will be happier and healthier, and can do their duties with greater ease. The pay roll of this company is a snug one, and the money they pay comes from distant cities and is distributed among our merchants. Certainly here is one investment which has borne fruit. We congratulate the Waring company on their success and the city on having in their midst such an institution. We are glad they are going to stay indefinitely as the investment at this time would indicate. We believe that more such concerns as this one, in other lines, could be secured, making it better for every one who calls Decatur home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hancher will go to Willshire, Ohio, Wednesday to attend the wedding of Mrs. Hancher's sister, Miss Besse Schaffner, who is well known to Decatur people, having visited here often. The wedding will take place Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, the Rev. Bell of the Methodist church officiating, the only witnesses being the members of the families of both parties. The groom-to-be is Roy L. Bastian, a dry goods merchant, of Willshire, Ohio, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bastian, of Rockford, Ohio, and the bride-to-be is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Schaffner of Willshire. The groom already has his home nicely and comfortably furnished awaiting the reception of his bride.

The Christian Endeavor society of the German Reformed church will hold its monthly business and social meeting this evening with Miss Lydia Kirsch, instead of tomorrow on account of the church services tomorrow evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Merriman entertained at dinner Sunday, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. Bert Merriman and children of Dayton, Ohio; Harley Smith of Willshire, Ohio, and Miss Velma Porter.

A very enjoyable day was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McMichael, one mile southeast of the city, Sunday, their guests being Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stewart and little daughter, Helen, of near Wren, Ohio.

The Ladies' Shakespeare club will give their annual closing social function Thursday evening at the home of

Mrs. C. A. Dugan, the affair to be an Easter party. The club ladies will each invite a guest and the assembly will number about fifty.

On account of the special religious services of this week the Needcraft club will postpone its regular weekly meeting until Thursday evening of next week, when Miss Celia Mayer will be hostess.

A party of Fort Wayne people, including Margaret, Sallie, Catherine and David Vesey, the two Misses Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Vesey, Mr. and Mrs. Will Vesey, making three auto parties, came down and were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Suttles, returning home by way of Bluffton.

Miss Iris Robinson of Winchester was the guest of honor at a delightful dinner party given Sunday by Miss Vera Hunsicker. Covers were laid for ten, other guests being Erma Houck, Lucile Smith, Gladys Graham, Mabel Moses, Nellie Meyers, Frances Butler, Frances Russell and Leona Hunsicker.

The Mite society will meet Friday afternoon in the Methodist church parlors. This is a very important meeting as the election of officers for the year will take place and the attendance of every member is desired.

GOOD LECTURE AT MONROE

Dr. Culp of New York Coming—Other News Items.

Monroe, Ind., Apr. 10—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The citizens of Monroe will next Friday evening, April 14th, have the opportunity of hearing one of the most famous lecturers on the lecture platform of the day at the Monroe M. E. church when Dr. W. T. Culp of New York, will deliver his masterpiece, "The Uncrowned King." The Monroe lecture course members were certainly fortunate in securing this prominent speaker at this place, and we predict that a crowded house will greet him, as he is one of the most noted men on the road today, and we can unhesitatingly say that you will be well paid for your time and money spent. Remember the date, Friday, April 14th. Admission, 25 cents to all parts of the house. Let everybody turn out and give him a most cordial welcome.

Clarence Smith, mail weigher on the Wabash, who commenced his work in March, arrived here on Sunday evening for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith, and other friends.

Omer Lewellen and family of Fort Wayne arrived this morning to visit with relatives during Mr. Lewellen's vacation from the mail service.

The Monroe Comedy company, which rendered the production of "The Corner Store" at Willshire, Ohio, on last Friday night, returned home Saturday morning well pleased with the kind treatment received at the hands of the citizens of that thriving little town, and played to a crowded house. The encores were many, among which the quartet received a large number. The stunt by Clyde and Chester Hendricks, as a side issue, were well received. The company has a standing offer for a return date at their earliest convenience, and no doubt will respond to the Willshire playgoers in the near future.

Ol Werst, brakeman on the G. R. & I., left for Fort Wayne this morning to resume his duties after a few days' visit with his mother.

E. W. Johnson and wife were Decatur visitors today.

Uncle Dan Urick, one of the pioneers of Adams county, was circulating among old friends in Decatur today.

The small boy of Monroe will be let loose after next Friday, when that department of the Monroe schools closes.

Rev. D. O. Wise, who for three years has served as pastor of the local Evangelical church, has been returned to this charge, according to the appointments read at the Evangelical conference at Berne Monday morning, and will return this week to enter upon his fourth year as pastor here. The announcement is greeted with the utmost rejoicing, not only by his congregation here but to all with whom he has become acquainted.

Berne, Ind., April 10—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Evangelical conference, which has been in session here practically the past week, closed at 11 o'clock this morning, adjourning to meet again next year at the Commercial street church at Day-

ton, O., the first Thursday in April, were riding, ran down a Polander named Nicholas Czech, who, with 150 lbs. of a gang, was doubling tracking the Big Four. Czech was almost instantly killed. Two hours later according to dispatches, when the Muncie Meteor passed the gang, four shots were fired, barely missing a man and two little girls. Officers are investigating the affair. The dead man's body was taken to Anderson.

WEST FOR A VISIT.

Norman Lenhart started Monday for the west, where he will visit for the next few months. He will first go to Oregon, where he will look at some land and later will go to other parts of the northwest with the same object in view. He believes that he can get some land in that part of the country, but wants to see it before buying, hence his trip to that territory. He will return here the latter part of the summer.

Being a sufferer from Bright's disease nearly eight months, during which time the attention of a physician was often necessary, Mrs. Fanny Eiting Gase, wife of Edward Gase, well known and respected in the city and county, passed from this life to the next at a few minutes before 5 o'clock Monday a. m., at the home, one and one-half miles south of the city. She had been up and about the house, even Sunday, as usual, caring for the household duties, until after dinner, when she complained of suffering with pain in the chest, and a physician was at once called. She was relieved of this pain by falling into a slumber, but at 4:30 this morning began to weaken rapidly, a child having been born but an hour previous, and from then on sank lower until death-sleep dawned. Word of her rapid sinking was sent to her father, and also calling for Father Flaherty, the latter arriving just after she had passed away. The sad news of her untimely death came as a shock to her many friends in the vicinity, but to none was the inevitable news more keenly felt than by the heart-broken husband, who but two years previous suffered the loss of his former wife. The deceased was twenty-eight years of age last August and was unified in marriage to Mr. Gase on June 1st, last year. They immediately located at Tiffin, Ohio, where Mr. Gase was employed at a chain shop, until about the middle of October, when they removed to this city, residing in the south part of the city. Only a month ago they moved to the Mr. Shoe farm south of the city, whose place adjoins that of her parents. Those left to mourn their loss besides the heart-broken husband and babe, just born, are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eiting, two sisters and a brother, Ben Eiting, south of the city, and Clara and Mary, still at home. The funeral services were held from St. Mary's church on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, with interment at the St. Joseph cemetery.

MR. SETHOR SICK.

Peter Sether, one of the old pioneers of this city, and who on several occasions has been very low with heart trouble and other ailments, is again in a very serious condition suffering from heart and dropsical trouble. For several days his condition has been quite serious, but at the present he is somewhat better. Not much hope is extended for his recovery.

STOKES JACKSON IS MARRIED.

Hillsdale, Mich., April 10—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Stokes Jackson, sergeant-at-arms of the house of congress, was married here last night to Miss Grace Gardner, one of the stenographers in the democratic headquarters at Indianapolis. Miss Gardner is 28 and Mr. Jackson, 58.

Through the many and continued efforts of the Knights of Columbus, the local council has been favored very much in the securing of Rev. Father Valentine C. P., a passionate missionary, to make a short stay in this city and this evening to give an address at their hall for all the members of the congregation for the purpose of renewing their acquaintance with this well known and popular priest. It will be remembered that during January of 1904, he, with Father Gaudentius, another missionary of the passionist order, held a two weeks' mission here, and during which time he became attached to the people of this parish, due to his untiring efforts and successful labors and perhaps more so than any other priest visiting this city. He is a member of the local council of the K. of C., and whenever an occasion offered itself for him to be present, if his duties allowed, and the necessary privilege granted him, never allowed the opportunity to pass without taking it. As an orator, Father Valentine is unsurpassed, and his many years of missionary life makes his up, none of the passengers suffered injury.

The case of Henry Krick vs. Clem J. Heideman, to foreclose a lien of \$50.00 was dismissed and the costs paid.

James W. Watkins vs. Ward Acheson, et al., for breach of warranty, demand, \$200, appearance was entered for the defendants by Attorney C. J. Lutz.

CAR KILLED A POLANDER.

Decatur People on a Traction Car Which Met Accident Sunday.

Miss Bess Schrock and Miss Fanny Heller came home Sunday evening from Indianapolis, where they had been for several days, the former attending the teachers' meeting and the latter visiting friends. When near Pendleton Sunday afternoon at 2:30 the traction car in which they careered one of the most successful. He

will make an address at the hall this evening at 8 o'clock, and a program, consisting of music and other appropriate numbers, will be rendered. The entire parish is extended a special invitation to be present and to spend a social evening together.

A model glove factory is to be erected in Decatur within the next few months and by early fall the employees of the Waring Glove company will have a delightful place in which to do their work. The company Saturday closed a deal whereby the owners of the Trout property, corner Monroe and First streets, the lot being 132 feet square. The beautiful brick house will be remodelled and will be occupied by Mr. Waring as bachelor quarters. This work will begin at once and within a month or so Mr. Waring expects to be living in his own home, which, needless to say, will be modern, convenient and pleasant. On the west alley, the factory building will be built, a modern and up-to-the-minute place in which to work, with special attention given to the ventilation, light and heat. Arrangements for plans will be made this week and just as soon as possible the contract will be let. The building is to be about forty-eight feet in width, 132 feet long, two stories and a basement, giving plenty of room for the machines, for packing and for warehouses. Details have not been arranged, but the members of the firm will make every endeavor to secure the best in the way of light, heat and ventilation. The factory is to be a model one and will be followed by the company no doubt in a similar way at the various other places where they own and operate factories.

The remains of Louis J. Smith, formerly of this city, a son of Mrs. Simeon Hain, sr., of West Madison street, whose death occurred at Huntsville, Alabama, arrived Monday from that place, his death having occurred there Saturday morning, according to word received here by the mother. The deceased is well known to many here, having lived here until about eight years ago when he and his family went to Northport, Michigan, where he lived until about a month ago, when he went to Alabama, for the benefit of his health. He had been suffering for about a year from heart trouble, with complications of stomach and kidney trouble. He was born in Ohio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Smith. The father was robbed and killed about thirty years ago, on the Clover Leaf railroad and the mother married Simeon Hain, sr., for her second husband. The deceased at death was just forty years, two months and twenty-six days of age. About fifteen years ago he was married to Miss Clara Bair of Fort Wayne, who with three sons, Andrew, Edward and Raymond, survive, one daughter having gone before. The family were with him in Alabama.

Besides the heart-broken mother, he also leaves one brother, George Hain, who is in the U. S. standing army; also the following step-brothers and sisters: Simeon Hain, Jr., Mrs. Jacob Omlor, Mrs. Dyonis Schmitt, Mrs. Tom Durkin of this city and Mrs. Frank Geary of Fort Wayne.

The remains had failed to arrive here at the time of going to press, and telegraph message to Richmond, where it was thought the body would be transferred to the G. R. & I. railroad, reaching here on the 3:09 train this afternoon, failed to bring information of its arrival there. Plans had been made to hold the funeral tomorrow morning at the St. Mary's church, but unless the body arrives tonight or early tomorrow morning, it cannot be held tomorrow.

Decatur relatives of the many teachers from this city who were in attendance at the Northern Indiana Teachers' association at Indianapolis last week, and who were known to be returning home on the Clover Leaf train due here at 7:03 o'clock Saturday evening, were very much frightened Saturday evening when the report reached here at 7 o'clock that the train had been wrecked about three miles out of Van Buren, between that place and Warren, and the section hands were called out from this city to help in clearing the way.

The worry was exceedingly great until the train pulled in here at 3 o'clock Sunday morning, when all suspense was over, as none of the passengers were hurt, nor suffered any ill effects, except from a bad shaking up. The wreck was the third one in two days on this road at nearly the same place, and this one was caused by the tender of the engine jumping the track. All the cars following left the track, the baggage car turning entirely over and the smoking car half way. The car in which the general passengers were, left the track, but stayed along the rails and while all were considerably shaken, none of the passengers suffered injury.

The track was torn up for about the distance of 150 feet. Among those from this city who were on the train were J. C. Tritch and Glen Warner, Mrs. Dan Beery and son, Lloyd; Mrs. Henry Thomas and daughter, Portia; Abe Boch, J. W. Meibers, Mrs. C. S. Clark and Mrs. Anna Doppelman and daughter, Sylvia. The last four named were returning from Jeffersonville, Ind. Frank Gessinger, who works at Marion, and who was returning here to spend Sunday, was also on the train, but when the wreck occurred, returned to Van Buren. Miss Frankye Thompson, who stopped off here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Katherine Thompson, enroute from Tampa, Fla., to Spokane, Wash., was also on this train.

H. S. Porter of this city, who has been spending the winter in Arkansas, writes a letter to his Decatur friends through the Decatur Democrat, and he is simply bubbling over with enthusiasm for that country. He says:

"I can't help but write you of this country and its fine chances for a poor man. There are few better timber lands and farms are fairly well improved and 'dirt' cheap. We were out on a tract of 10,000 acres last winter. Rice land is the finest and high, but land for corn and cotton ranges from \$8 to \$35. An 80-acre farm that cost \$7.50 per acre seven years ago sold the other day for \$7,500. Now, every dollar invested here now will bring \$3 or \$4 in the next few years. One must see to believe. The tide is turning fast this way, and one can hardly believe the fast improvement made in so short a time. Should some one come while I am here, I will show them bargains that would take them some time to find. I haven't a piece for sale, nor is there a dollar in it for me, but I do this merely for my friends and others. There is no place west better to live than this, and the investment would be a sure thing. If you will believe it, there is no acre, but will raise a bale of cotton and better, and the climate is as fine as any one wishes to live in. All farmers are and have been, doing well, and all are well pleased. Ohio, Illinois and Indiana are all represented here already and more are coming every day. It is not like Indiana of forty years ago. It is up-to-date and there are all advantages here, including railroads. There has been more ditching done here in two years than Indiana did in twenty-five. They have the money and the big dredge boats are going night and day. Come and see. It won't take long or cost much. J. W. Middleton, with whom I have been, is not sorry he came here. Charley Hill, wife and five children came here and are well pleased. Mr. Tate Coffee and myself are here for a while and he thinks there is no place like it. The new beginners and the people are fast learning that they don't have to freeze up 6 months in the year to keep healthy. Brother Al Ayres was just in and he says, 'Come. All come, and if after a year you are sore, we will pay your fare back.' So all speak of Arkansas and its thousand and one good chances for the one who wants a start. Ask Dr. Coverdale. No risk, all your gain. I recommend this country after many years, and have been in many others. Just what you are looking for."

SMALL FIRE SATURDAY.

A small fire created some excitement last Saturday evening on West Madison street, when the home of John Logan caught fire from an overheated flue. Mr. Logan was just returning from his work and when a short distance from his home happened to look up and saw the roof ablaze. He ran home and secured a ladder and climbed to the roof. About this time several of his neighbors had noticed the blaze and their arrival was opportune, as the united efforts of the men in extinguishing the fire was successful. Quite a hole was burned in the roof before the fire could be put out and the cause was determined to be from a defective flue. The damage will probably amount to fifty dollars. The fire department was not called, the fire being under control from the first.

HEATING PLANT CONTRACT

For the Monmouth School was Given to T. A. Leonard of This City.

The contract for the heating plant for the new Monmouth school house was let late Saturday afternoon to T. A. Leonard, the plant to be a Majestic furnace, manufactured at Huntington. His bid was \$377. Work on the building of the new school house will be begun as soon as practicable by Contractor Oscar Fritzinger and Monmouth will have, at the opening of the fall term, one of the finest buildings in the county. Architect Oscar Hoffman drew the plans for the building.