

At the meeting of the board of managers of Old Home week Thursday evening, it was decided that the prize money for the winners should be divided equally among the winners as there were two for each one. The first prize "Decorate Can and Will" was submitted by Judge J. T. Merriman and Miss Amelia Tennille, each of whom received five dollars. The second prize was an "Old Home Week" and Fred LaBelle, and the third prize "Decorate Defeat" by Helen M. Evans, of rural route one, and Fred M. Tynell. The winners are requested to call on W. F. Wilson, secretary, and secure their order for the money.

City Will Be Gaily Decorated.
The city will present a handsome appearance during the big week. A representative of the Southern Railway, who was at the meeting last night and the committee contracted with him to decorate the city. Sixteen blocks of the downtown district will be decorated with flags and streamers, four lines across each block, besides welcome and other banners. In addition this firm will erect "home" men, decorating the fronts at a moderate cost and they already have a number of contracts, including that of the sugar factory. The Old Home Week is to be a night one. "Decorate Can and Will."

A Balloon Race Each Day.
The amusement committee were authorized to close the contract with Coleman Brothers, of Louisville, for a "balloon race" daily. Each afternoon a lady and gentleman will make an ascension each making an effort to go higher than the other and each will make a double parachute drop. This is in addition to the wonderful elephant wire act and the others before mentioned.

To Send Special Invitation.
A motion picture special invitation was sent to Senators J. W. Kern and S. F. Shively, to each of the congressmen, and to the state officers, also to the various candidates, including Senator Beveridge, S. M. Robinson and W. T. Durbin. An effort to get as many of these men as possible will be made.

Super Men are Coming.
Mr. F. H. Hubbard, of the sugar factory, is taking a great interest in the big week. He has arranged for handsome souvenirs and pamphlets describing the new factory and the industry. He has arranged with the Larowe company for the use of the building and permission to give the public demonstration, as the factory will not be accepted from the contractors until after the first session. He has also arranged for J. E. Larowe, W. H. Baird, President McLean and others to deliver addresses here on the opening day. He is also making an effort to secure the presence of James Wilson, United States secretary of agriculture, and has received the following reply to his letter:

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12, 1912.
Mr. F. H. Hubbard, Decatur, Ind.
My Dear Sir:—
I thank you very much for your invitation of August 19th to attend the opening of your sugar factory on October 15th. I would be glad to meet you people if it would be possible to do so, but I am not able at this writing to decide whether I can be present or not. Public duties here are very heavy and insistent. I have no doubt whatever that Indiana can make not only the sugar that is needed by her own people but by the people of many more states. I wish you all the success that you so deserve.

Very truly yours,
JAMES WILSON,
Secretary.
Home and Visitors Badges.
The committee on badges and souvenirs was authorized to purchase badges for the guests and for the home folks. The badges will be handsome and will contain the name of the wearer. The guest badge will be given free and will be blue while the home folks will wear red and white badges. The idea is that when one of the home folks meets a person wearing a guest badge he will greet him and call him by the name which appears on the badge. As a result we will all be acquainted at once. It listens good.

Auto Parade on Thursday.
One of the features of Thursday, it was decided, will be the automobile parade, with Mr. O. L. Vance in charge as marshal of the day. Every owner of an auto in the county will be invited to participate and prizes will be given for the best decorated

Making More Funds.
It takes money to give. Old Home Week and do it right and that what the boys are going to do here. C. C. Schaefer, chairman of the music committee, is our best friend for a fund to help pay that end of the business. His list of bands include a number of good ones, in fact they are all first-class. A committee of clerks, headed by A. D. Suttles as the chairman, are soliciting funds from the clerks, the sums varying from fifty cents to five dollars. Every clerk and employee in town should give something, whatever

we feel they can afford. It is your week as much as anybody and if you give a little you will feel more as though you have a share in the event.
An Error is Corrected.
Editor Democrat:—
I noticed an error in last evening's paper in the article regarding Decatur in 1848. In the year 1839, Mr. Charles L. Schmeiser built a home where Mr. A. S. Gilling now lives, and although the house has been remodeled and made modern in every way, not much of the old frame is there and is the oldest building now standing in Decatur. The old Schmeiser property on the east side of the North Second street was completed in 1848 and is the oldest unremodeled house in the city. I think the house is occupied by Mr. Green.

OLD RESIDENT.
Wm. Nuttman Mansion Was Built.
An interesting incident of the old days is recalled by an old resident. In the antebellum days, Mr. J. D. Nuttman, a pioneer merchant of Decatur, operated also an ashery upon the river bank, upon a spot in the rear of where the county jail is now located, and this ashery was operated for Nuttman by a man by the name of Rowdel. Now, J. D. as he was familiarly known, was a man of some consequence and he built a very desirable home after a well-thought-out plan of himself and wife. The identical house is now standing on the east side of First street, between Monroe and Jackson. Upon its completion Rowdel ambitiously constructed an exact duplicate, building upon the spot where Mr. A. J. Smith now lives. The house was afterward destroyed by fire along in the seventies. Mrs. Nuttman was annoyed, it was rumored at the time, that the status of employer and employee was thus disturbed by this duplication and put in square up to J. D. to get busy and build in size and in coarseness a home the like of which no resident of the town would dare attempt to build. J. D. surrendered and planned and constructed the big home on Second street and long afterward the Niblick homestead and now owned and being remodeled by Mrs. Emma Daniels.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 12, 1912.
Mr. French Quinn, Decatur, Ind.
Dear Sir:—
Just received your invitation to Old Adams county's Home week, where our childhood days were passed (Presidence permitting) I will pass at least a couple of days renewing old friendship and enjoying the pleasure of meeting old Adams county people as we feel it our home still.
MR. AND MRS. ALFRED DEAM,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 12, 1912.
Mr. French Quinn, Decatur, Ind.
Dear Sir:—
We received your kind invitation to Home-coming in October. We will be pleased to come. We thank you.
Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Deam
MR. AND MRS. BEN HILL,
Detroit, Mich., Aug. 21, 1912.

Mr. French Quinn, Decatur, Ind.
My Dear Sir:—
Your very kind letter inviting me to the Old Home week in Decatur was received. I appreciate your invitation very much for never will I forget the two happy years which I was my pleasure to spend in Adams county (Fuehlings' settlement). I have not seen your town in twenty years, but expect to be down to shake hands with my many friends in Adams county. Wishing you a very successful Old Home week, I remain
Respectfully yours,
J. G. ESTEL.

Lima, O., Aug. 21, 1912.
Mr. French Quinn, chairman, Decatur, Ind.
Dear Sir:—
Your invitation to the grand Old Home-coming was received. O. K. and we will try and be there if possible. Success to you and old Decatur.
C. H. BELL.

Hot Springs, Ark., Aug. 24, 1912.
Mr. French Quinn, Decatur, Ind.
Dear Sir:—
In reply to your kind invitation, if possible my wife and I will be at the Home-coming in October. Will be glad to see you and all the old-time friends. You have my best wishes and hope the Home-coming will be a success. Will endeavor to have Col. Ross attend also. With kindest regards to you and friends, I remain,
Yours, truly,
P. J. Adelman.

The petition asking that the Lincolnton creek be dredged from a point beginning at the Noble and Washash township lines in Jay county and extending through Washash and Bear creek townships, Jay county, and Washash townships, Adams county, was filed Wednesday noon in the Jay circuit court. This is one of the biggest drainage propositions undertaken for several years and the petition has been filed at this time by those favoring the dredging of the creek be-

cause of the recent high water which has done untold damage to crops in northern Jay and southern Adams counties.
F. S. Armstrong, of Geneva, and Jacob F. Denney, of Portland, are attorneys for the petitioners. John M. Allig and eighteen other owners of nearly 1,200 acres of land, who claim that they will be benefited by the construction of the proposed work signed the petition. The petitioners say that nearly 4,000 acres of land, besides that owned by them will also be affected and benefited by the dredging of the creek. The proposed dredge will be approximately twelve miles in length.

Notice of the filing of the petition has already been issued by publication to a number of whose lands will be affected if the dredging is ordered established. The petition has been set for docketing on September 17, 1912.

Friday Morning.
The opening of the last day's session of the institute was with devotional exercises in charge of Rev. S. Hanna, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and following the song and prayer service Dr. Kinnaman gave his lecture on "Education."
The doctor illustrated his address with illustrations clear and convincing and gave a talk that should be productive of much good. He will have one more address to this institute on the subject of "Children's Falsehoods," which will be given in the first period of this afternoon's session. As usual this lecture will be replete with remedies as well as explanations.

The music period by Professor Swarthout again proved interesting as the teachers are deriving much good from it.
Professor Vanner in his address on "The Teacher's Part in the Study of the Classics," gave some technical information to the teachers which will prove advantageous in their literary work the coming year. It proved to be probably the most technical subject of the series.

In the afternoon the professor will finish his engagement here with his lecture on "How to Study French," another of his valuable analytical series during which he will introduce an analysis of the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," showing the teachers how to do it as well as telling about it.

Throughout the week the instruction has proven to be far above par. Had this year's institute will doubtless prove to be one of the best ever held here. Many expressions of interest and appreciation is heard among the teachers and many thanks are given to Professor Oylinger for his activity in securing instructors of such standing worth for them.

Thursday Afternoon.
After the regular music period concluded by Professor Swarthout, Professor Vanner increased the institute in his talk on "Helps Toward Solving the Reading Problem." The boy reads what he reads on account of its accessibility. He reads Buffalo Bill because he can get it. He will read something better if he has not access to the poor class of books. The greatest thing a teacher can do is to bring his pupils in touch with good books. Books are great silent factors which greatly aid in the making of men and women. The boys will read the things that interest them most. All pupils want to read stories of travel, exploration and discovery, and heroic fiction. The reading pupils, whether in the city or country, will make better citizens for having had their reading well selected. Have the boys and girls read Grimm's Fairy Tales, Aesop's Fables and Arabian Nights. Homer's Iliad should be read once each year by the boy or girl in school. If you advise a boy or girl to read something he does not like or does not conform to his surroundings, you may spoil his entire reading life. A list of books should be made for the boy and a list should be made for the girls. Novel reading is beneficial, choose standard novels. Trashy literature of any kind is unfit for anyone to read and no pupil can afford to read it. Do not condemn the literature a boy or girl reads. Change their kind of literature by careful substitution. Don't try to read all the books in the world.

After a short intermission Dr. Kinnaman gave his regular lesson on "Education." A man is a man because he will be a man. When a pupil goes wrong in school don't get excited and go wrong yourself. Punish if necessary, but each time you punish, you admit that you are not as good a teacher as you ought to be. The truant officer can put the bad boy in the legal institution called school, but the teacher must put him in the spiritual spirit of the school. You can't "lick" a boy back into the spirit of the school. The rule for punishment, when you must use it, is the mildest thing that will induce him to go the right way instead of the wrong way. Anything that will bring him back in sympathy with the spirit of the school.

Institute Notes.
The weather man is still very kind to the institute by giving us enjoyable weather.
Thursday was a tramped day at the institute and all township trustees of the county were in attendance.
Wednesday afternoon Superintendent E. E. Rice and Dr. A. Baumgartner entered a very pleasant game of croquet. We hope the boys received more benefit from the game than they would have received by attending the afternoon session of the institute.

The following township trustees were present Thursday at the institute: J. A. Fleming, of Union; Chas. E. Magley, of Rock; Daniel Hoffman, of Prairie; George M. T. Houck, of Kirkland; Samuel C. Wechner, of Elkhorn; C. C. Bear, of Monroe; John Moore, of French; John Cowan, of Harford; W. L. Thurbill, of Washash, and John T. Kelly, of Jefferson.

Deputy Sheriff Jesse M. Kelly, was a visitor at the institute this afternoon. Mr. Kelly is an old Adams county teacher and still takes an interest in the school work of the county.
J. H. Steele, of Pleasant Mills, one of the oldest ex-teachers in the county in point of service, was shaking hands with his old friends and acquaintances at the institute to-day.
O. L. Vance, Irvin Brantberry and J. F. Prunkie, of the Decatur school board, and Earl Sprunger, of the Berne school board, were visitors at the institute to-day.

At a pretty party given Thursday evening to a large number of her friends, Mrs. Vera Ehinger daughter of Mrs. Charles Ehinger, made announcement of her wedding to Mr. Lawrence Kleinhans, giving September 15th as the date for the happy event. The guests had been hidden in a "blue" party but were anticipating the announcement. Consequently when the games were over and the prizes were distributed to the winners—the Misses Margie Beinhinger and Emma Tennille, there was a big flourish of happy anticipation when the bride's sister, Miss Miss Jeanette Ehinger appeared, bearing a large white basket decorated with red and gilt ribbons, containing the napkins and rings, which she gave out to the guests before the luncheon. The crowd immediately busied themselves looking for one of Cupid's secrets to look out through the dimly decorated heart affairs, but were very much disappointed when the napkins pulled forth from their white-gloved fingers showed no words of the announcement. They were powerless suggestions, for the white of the gift-ed napkins was hidden with cupid's pierced hearts, and a winged cupid bearing a shower of pink roses. The secret came out later, however, during the two course luncheon which was served. The decorations of the home were pink and white and the other scheme of pink and white being carried out through the festivities in every way. With the second course of pink ice cream and angel's food cake, came little favors which were fancy baskets filled with tiny pink and white candy hearts bearing appropriate mottoes. The baskets were of crumpled crepe paper, white, adorned with tiny gilt hearts. The handle of the basket was tied with a pink rose, and in the midst of the "lover's" hearts was concealed a tiny slip of paper, bearing the words "Vera and Lawrence, Sept. 15, 11 Little Misses Niblick and Jeanette Ehinger served, and were pretty in dress of pink and white. A pleasing complement to the evening's pleasure, was the music furnished by Mrs. L. A. Holthoese and Miss Naomi Niblick. The announcement of the secret called forth many expressions of the esteem in which Miss Ehinger is held by her friends, and many good wishes in advance were given. She is a highly pleasing young lady, and a favorite with her many friends, because of the sterling qualities with which she is endowed. For several years she has been connected with the Niblick Company's store where she served most efficiently and in a pleasing way, resigning last Saturday, in view of the approaching wedding. The groom is a son of Mrs. Mary Kleinhans, and is a member of the firm of the Holthoese Drug Co. being recognized as one of the leading business men of the city. The following were guests: Stella Bremerkamp, May Berling, Marjorie and Adelaide Leitzinger, Rose and Margaret Conter, Anna Clark, Mrs. Fred Schaub, Mary and Emma Terver, Rose and Bess Tennille, Bertha and Kyrle Voelke, Celeste Wemhoff, Georgia Melbers, Ode and Letta Pullenkamp, Louise Brake, Amelia Weber, Irene Gerard Clara Lange, Lettie and Josephine Lange, Rose Kleinhans, Kate Hennelord Mary Niblick, Naomi Niblick, Mrs. Fred Hever, Mrs. L. A. Holthoese, Mrs. J. Q. Neptune, Mrs. Yon Ehinger, Mrs. Joe Lose, Mrs. William Perling, Mrs. George Krick, Mrs. Henry Heller and Vera Goche of Ft. Wayne.

Ed David, aged about sixteen, son of Sol David, of South Seventh street, was badly injured yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock while working at his job as a wire fence weaver at the Ward Fence factory and will be confined to his bed for several days. Mr. David was sitting at his loom, when suddenly an iron rack gave way and fell, striking him at the right side of the head, cutting a gash over the right temple. The injury was so heavy that when it fell it also struck his right hip, badly bruising it. He was taken home in an automobile and medical care given him eased his pain, but he is bedfast and will be so for several days. The young man had been employed in the fence factory at Kokomo for some time and quite recently came to this city where he sought employment with the local fence factory.

NEW 2 CENT STAMP.
A new 2-cent stamp in commemoration of the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915, was approved today by Postmaster General Hitchcock. It is about an inch and a quarter long. It bears an engraving representing the Gann locks of the Panama canal, showing a steamship emerging from the northern lock and another vessel being raised in the southern lock. In the middle distance is a group of tall palm trees and in the background rise the hills of the isthmus. Across the top are the words "U. S. POSTAGE" and directly below these lines, "San Francisco, 1915." In each lower corner is an olive branch, symbolizing peace, and balancing it, on the right is a palm branch, indicative of victory and the tropics. No color has been selected for the stamp. The first issue will be on sale in a few weeks.

"FRECKLES" DRAMATIZED.
"Freckles," the story written by Mrs. Gene Stratton Porter, is dramatized and the Washington papers pronounce it a great success. The piece is well presented at the Academy in Washington and promises to have a successful week. The story is a whole in one of sentiment, romance and intrigue, and makes an appeal to each spectator. The scenes are laid in our wilderness, and as Mrs. Porter is well known in the city, it is of interest to many to know that her play has been well and kindly received.

The Methodist church held its quarterly meeting services last Sunday. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered at the morning and evening services. Every member of the church is urged by the pastor to be present at one or the other of these celebrations. The pastor will be glad to go to the homes of any who are sick and administer the communion. At the morning worship Sunday Miss Bertha Carver, the blind singer, will sing "Face to Face." Miss Carver has a fine voice and has received training under the best teachers. Her singing is with a great deal of expression and will add greatly to the helpfulness of the service. The quarterly conference will be held on Wednesday night and will be presided over by the district superintendent, the Rev. J. A. Beatty, D. D.

Thursday night, he stated that they caught the parties with the goods, hence their unwillingness to come to trial. While upon the witness stand the woman gave some damaging testimony against Jim Woods, which may form the basis of further inquiry.

BUYS NEW TOURING CAR.
Ell Sprunger, the well known horseman, and one of the best known men of this county, now drives a brand new and very handsome automobile. It is a 1915 model of the Overland make, and first next season will be delivered in the county. It is modern and complete, slightly larger than the 1914 car, and is in every way a most beautiful machine. Mr. Sprunger and family will no doubt derive much pleasure from the car and Mr. Sprunger will also find it very serviceable in his extensive business operations.

FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED.
Judge Merryman Attended Funeral of Judge Macy at Winchester.
Judge Merryman has returned from Winchester, where he attended the funeral of Judge Macy, which was held yesterday morning. The funeral was one of the largest attended in that city in many years, hundreds of the friends of this noted jurist coming from all parts of the state. Judge Macy was well known here, where he often presided as special judge in the Adams circuit court. Many of the bars of the adjoining counties attended in a body.

ENTITLED TO SUNDAY MAIL.
A. E. Owners of Lock Boxes Decide Postmaster General Hitchcock
Washington, Aug. 27.—Plans were perfected by Postmaster General Hitchcock today whereby the administration of the new law prohibiting the delivery of mail on Sundays will have no serious effect upon the handling of important mail matter.

Holders of lock boxes at first and second class postoffices will have access to them as usual, although no mail deliveries will be made by carriers on the street or at the postoffice windows. Mail for hotel guests and newspapers will be delivered to them through their lock boxes by a simple arrangement of having that mail sorted on the railway cars before it reaches its destination. Such mail will be regarded as "transit matter" and will be distributed immediately upon its arrival at the offices of destination, thus, practically, insuring a speedier delivery to the addresses than heretofore has been the case.

The distribution will require a minimum of Sunday work and the distribution of other mail received on Sunday will be made after midnight of Sunday, so that it may be delivered by the carriers on their first tour on Monday.

"At present, most of the mail received on Sunday for delivery by carrier Monday morning is worked after midnight on Sunday and therefore, the law will not affect this mail. It will be delivered as promptly as hitherto. Mail received up to midnight on Saturday for lock boxes will be distributed to the boxes and will be available to box holders on Sunday, as usual."

LOOKS LIKE NEW.
The big black bus belonging to the Fashion stables and last winter demolished by an Erie freight train, again appears on the streets glistening from the fine coat of varnish placed by "Shorty," one of the employees at the barn some months and who has placed a number of the automobiles and other vehicles in first-class condition. It has been overhauled from top to bottom and presents an attractive appearance as though it be brand new.

AMERICAN YEOMEN.
At the meeting of the American Yeoman to be held next Monday, a class adoption will be in order. Refreshments will be served and a good time will be in order. All members should attend.

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