

The parcels post system started out in Decatur as elsewhere, this morning with a rush. That is, a rush, considering the legal holiday and the fact that the postoffice was open only an hour today to those who called. During that time, three packages by parcels post were mailed, and three received.

The first one was received by J. L. Kocher, of the Decatur Lumber company, who called, and was surprised to be handed out a package of hard-wood lumber. This was a sample sent out by the Indianapolis Hardwood company and was neatly done up, bearing six cents in special stamps. The package also bore the letters, "Our First Parcels Post Delivery."

Among the three parcels mailed out was an umbrella, sent to Indianapolis. This bore ten cents in stamps. Another package that came to view was a neatly rolled bundle looking like a roll of butter. Another was a box addressed to Michigan.

It is expected that a few days will see the local office rushed with parcels post packages, as it is starting out so auspiciously, considering all things.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Uncle Sam's scheme to assist Mr. Ultimate Consumer in coping with the High Cost of Living went into effect today. The parcels post was inaugurated throughout the nation; the federal government began its competition against the express companies.

Telegrams from postmasters to the postoffice department here today indicated that the general public has taken hold of the parcels plan with enthusiasm. The first day's business promises to be of an enormous magnitude.

Uncle Sam's "express business" is expected to aid in cheaper marketing of food products and to lessen transportation cost in small packages—the sort of matter in which the express companies have heretofore had a practical monopoly, because of the high postage rate. The United States is one of the last of the world's great nations to adopt the parcels post. The plan has been in operation in European countries for several years.

As with express packages the rates under the parcels post plan depend on the distance the mail matter is sent. Packages weighing four ounces or less will be sent at the old flat postage rate of one cent an ounce, to all sections of the country. The largest package mailable under the parcels post is eleven pounds.

The minimum rate under the new plan will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound to any point not exceeding fifty miles from the office of mailing. The local rate, which is five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound, applies to all parcels in the delivery of which does not involve their transportation on railway lines—and this means on rural routes or local carrier's rounds.

The rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones, into which the post office department has divided the country, the maximum rate being twelve cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent or to any of the possessions of this country. All parcels must not be more than 6 feet in girth.

A mailable parcel may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50.

The United States has been divided into units, thirty minutes square. There are eight zones surrounding each unit, the last zone including the Philippine Islands and the farthestmost places on this continent. An eleven-pound package to the islands will cost \$1.22.

The parcels post is far more comprehensive than the average person thinks. It is possible under it to send almost any kind of package other than explosives, poisons, fire arms, intoxicating beverages, or obscene matter.

Among the mailable matter are: Butter, eggs, vegetables, lard, fresh meats, groceries, medicines, paints, salves, seeds of fruit nursery stock, candles, confectionery, yeast cakes, soap, flour, meal, millinery, toys, musical instruments; waxes, dried and smoked meats; ink, powders, pepper, snuff and paper.

Of instructions in wrapping packages the postoffice department puts particular stress on the shipment of eggs. Each egg must be wrapped separately and surrounded with excelsior, cotton, or other suitable material, and packed in a container made of double corrugated pasteboard, metal or wood in such manner as to place each egg on its end and to prevent them from striking together or against the side or top of the container. They must be so closely wrapped that even in case one should break there would be no leakage out in the other mail.

Parcels post packages are stamped and mailed just as other mail matter—the only difference being that special stamps must be used. Packages prepaid with ordinary stamps will be carried at regular mail rates, any difference being collected from the addressee. The parcels post stamps are green and measure one by one and one-half inches—a new size in govern-

ment stamps. They are obtainable in nearly all denominations up to \$1—the subjects of the engravings being:

- 1c, "postoffice clerk."
- 2c, "city carrier."
- 3c, "railway postal clerk."
- 4c, "rural carrier."
- 5c, "mail train."
- 10c, "steamship and mail tender."
- 15c, "automobile service."
- 20c, "aeroplane carrying mail."
- 25c, "manufacturing."
- 30c, "dairying."
- 35c, "harvesting."
- 40c, "fruit growing."

In order that the postmaster in every city and his patrons may see exactly what the charges are for packages, every postoffice has been furnished with special "zone" and "unit" maps showing the exact mileage of charges for packages sent to any destination from that particular office. Preparation of these maps has kept the department busy for months.

WAS CRAIG'S STUDENT.

Arrest of Teacher on Murder Charge Causes Surprise.

Dr. William B. Craig, dean of the Indiana Veterinary college at Indianapolis, who was arrested Tuesday afternoon on a grand jury indictment for the murder of Dr. Helen Knabe, is a teacher of Lloyd Magley, of Monmouth, one of the students of the veterinary college, who is now at home on a two weeks' vacation, until next Monday, when he returns. The news of the arrest of Dr. Craig came as a most unexpected surprise to him, as he regarded Dr. Craig one of the best and most able, as well as kindly instructors. It was known among the students that he had been called before the board at one time, but it was thought solely as a witness. Dr. Knabe, who was found murdered about a year ago in Indianapolis, and whose murder seemed to be one of the most baffling mysteries of the period, was at one time a member of the faculty of the Indiana Veterinary college, being assistant veterinarian. She also lectured on hematology and parasitology in the college.

Announcement has just been received by friends of this county of the marriage of Miss Fern Hendricks, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hendricks, of Monroe, to Mr. Lewis Neal of Kalamazoo, Mich., a well known engineer on the G. R. & I. railroad. The wedding occurred October 21, at the Baptist parsonage at Kalamazoo, the Rev. Smith officiating. The friends of the couple have been expecting the wedding to take place but all were surprised to hear that it took place two months ago.

The young couple had planned to keep it a secret until Christmas day when they expected to return here to spend Christmas at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. Neal, however, became ill and the Christmas visit could not be made, so announcement of the marriage was sent instead.

Miss Hendricks has been employed the past year as seamstress in a tailor shop at Kalamazoo, and it was while residing there that she became acquainted with her future husband.

A pretty feature of the wedding ceremony, which was the double ring service, was that the bride wore the ring which her mother wore when she was married in the year 1876. Many congratulations and best wishes will be sent to the young couple from their friends here. The bride is very well known here, and because of her unusually pleasant nature, and her many good qualities, made friends of all who knew her.

With smiles for every one with whom they came in contact today, two new county officials took hold of the reins. They are Thomas H. Baltzell Auditor, and Phil L. Macklin, surveyor. They are capable, accommodating men, who will make good officials. The story of their careers was told Tuesday. Today while they take up the work two men with records as officials of which they may always feel proud step out. They are H. S. Michaud, who has completed a four years' term as auditor and Charles C. Ernst, who has served two terms of two years each as surveyor. Both have been efficient, obliging and good public officers. They have been always on the job and their records will bear the scrutiny of anybody who cares to investigate. They retire with the best wishes of their hundreds of friends. Mr. Michaud will enter the Erwin firm as a real estate man. Mr. Ernst has a number of macadam roads to complete and some other duties to look after and further than attending to these during the next year he has made no definite plans. He has been connected with the surveyor's office for a number of years, having formerly served as a deputy. His assistant, Orval Harhoff, who also retires now, has also been in the office for some eight years and has proven a capable officer. In the auditor's office two deputies will retire. Mr. Paul Baumgartner, who has had much experience as deputy in the various offices, and is known as one of the most careful and

reliable men ever in public life in Adams county, Miss Marie Patterson, who has assisted in that office for some years and with splendid success, will turn her work over to Miss Baltzell. The Daily Democrat joins the hundreds of people who form the constituency of these officials, old and new, in Adams county, in wishing them each and all a Happy New Year and many prosperous ones to follow.

A New Corner.

Among the notable changes in the office of the county is that of corner, Dr. J. C. Grandstaff of Preble, who has served three terms or six years, retiring, the successor being Dr. David D. Clark of this city. Dr. Clark is one of the leading physicians of the county, who has resided here many years. He is associated with his brother, C. S. Clark, in the practice of medicine, and has gained a wide reputation especially as a surgeon. His brother, Dr. C. S. Clark, has also served several terms as coroner.

SCHEIDEGGER-RICE.

Peter Scheidigger Finds Spouse in Nebraska.

The following is the substance of a card received by Dr. J. Springer of Berne: "In Miss Eva Rice, aged twenty-six, with whom I got acquainted four months ago, I found a good honest Christian lady, with good musical talent added, for my better half. After our wedding, January 1, 1911, we expect to make our home with her mother in Endicott, Neb., for the winter, and after that settle in Pipe Springs. A happy New Year to you."

"PETER SCHEIDIGGER."

INDIANA'S POULTRY SHOW.

Held in Tomlinson Hall Jan. 11-17, 1910, Offers Many Special Features.

The Indianapolis show will publish a special poultry show number Saturday, January 11th, of the National Poultry club show, held in that city at Tomlinson Hall, January 11-17. This special number will contain illustrations and valuable articles of interest to every person in Indiana interested in the poultry industry. Those that are interested in this large issue kindly write at once for full particulars today. Address Poultry and Farm Department of Indianapolis Star.

Among the various lodges which have elected a new staff of officers had will begin the new year with such, is the local Ben Hur court, which announces the following new officers: Past Chief—Emma Burk. Chief—Adam Weis. Junior—Mary Cramer. Teacher—Martha Hay. Scribe—Minnie Daniels. Keeper of Tribute—Mrs. A. D. Artman. Captain—Ross Tyndall. Guide—Russell Acker. Inner Gate Keeper—Rosie Ray. Outer Gate Keeper—John Burke. Pianist—Nora Butler.

TOASTING THE NEW YEAR.

Some one started out early to make their New Year calls and toasts today. When downtown early callers this morning passed along they found arranged on Monroe street, east of the city hall building, a number of large boxes which had been left sitting on the walk by the Boston store. Some one had evidently pulled them out for seats Tuesday night, when they sat down to toast the New Year, for topping each of six boxes was a bottle from which no doubt issued forth the "flowing libations" in honor of the year's advent.

COUNCIL MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Clerk Authorized to Give Notice of Receiving Bids on Depository Fund.

The city council held its semi-monthly meeting Tuesday evening at their room in the public library at 7 o'clock with every councilman present and Mayor Teeple presiding. The meeting opened with roll call and the reading of the minutes of the meeting two weeks ago on the depository fund and were approved as read. Next in order, Councilman Christen moved that the city clerk be authorized to give notice by registered mail of receiving bids on the depository fund on January 21st, at the council room. Motion was carried and having no other official business to transact, the meeting adjourned until next regular meeting.

On account of the absence of the president, Mrs. John Spiller, who is visiting in Bucyrus, Ohio, the Helping Hand society of the German Reform church, which met Thursday, postponed its election of officers until the next meet in two weeks. Thursday was devoted to the making of comforters, and the society was then entertained by Miss Huldah Mutschler.

The Bureks club girls had a most delightful time with their sewing, conversation and luncheon at the home of

Miss Leola HEB Thursday evening. The club will meet with Miss Marie Hays next Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tricker of Cleveland street entertained a large number of friends on New Year's day. A most sumptuous dinner was spread and pertained of and during the afternoon a picture of the assembly was taken by Mr. John Stuba. The party included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Tricker, Mr. and Mrs. John Hen, Wendie, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schmalzka and babe, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron DeViney.

The Episcopal Ladies' Aid society held a business meeting at the parsonage, when the election of officers took place and other business attended to, after which light refreshments were served. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Fred Linn; vice president, Mrs. J. H. Billings; secretary, Mrs. E. D. Kern; treasurer, Miss Lela Strangler.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sprang went to Poe to spend the day at the old Sprang homestead. Today's big event at the farm was "butchering."

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Walters Thursday night entertained forty guests—all those who took part in the cantata given Christmas eve at the Methodist church, and also the minister, Rev. R. L. Semenza. The lack of formality made the mingling an unusually jolly one. There was no set form of amusement, but games, charades, music and conversation contributed their share to the enjoyment, and refreshments of pop corn, homemade candies and apples were served. Mr. Walters is superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school and the entertainment was given in his appreciation of the services of those who took so much interest in making the cantata a success.

ST. JOSEPH WINS AND LOSES

A Game with the St. Mary's Team of Fort Wayne.

The St. Joseph high school team went to Fort Wayne Friday evening, where they played the second team of the St. Mary's high school and also the first team of St. Mary's at Oden hall. The first game between the second team of St. Mary's resulted in a victory for the St. Joe boys, the score being 15 to 12.

The St. Joseph boys had a game scheduled with the Hutton boys, to be played at Fort Wayne, but somehow they did not show up and the Decatur team not being satisfied with one victory, and still in excellent condition, decided to play the first team of the St. Mary's high school. Here they met their match, and had to lay down the victory to the Fort Wayne boys, the score being 25 to 17. The St. Joe boys put up a fine game, and if it had not been for the fact that they were a little out of wind toward the last of the game, they would have "copped" off another victory. The line-up for the Decatur boys was: Shoemaker and Niblick forwards; Smith, center; Gass and Bremerkamp, guards. Norbert Holthouse, George Baker and a number of boys accompanied the team from here.

Nearly a century had silvered the head of Joshua McCordle, a pioneer of the county, who passed away this morning at 7:30 o'clock at the county infirmary, of which he had been an inmate for the past nineteen years.

Mr. McCordle had been in failing health for several months and bedfast the past month, from ailments superinduced by his old age. He was formerly a resident of Blue Creek township and was well and favorably known. His wife passed away several years ago, and many of the thirteen children born to him are still surviving. Mrs. Clinton Fisher of this city is a daughter. He also has a son in Geneva and several children in Illinois. Mr. McCordle was probably the oldest man in the county, having been born December 4, 1814, and at death was just ninety-eight years and one month of age to the very day. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the county infirmary chapel, and Rev. L. C. Hoesert will probably officiate.

On account of the series of special addresses to be given next week at the Methodist church, by Dr. John P. D. John, the lecturer and preacher, under the auspices of the Methodist Brotherhood, the regular monthly meeting of the Brotherhood, announced for Tuesday evening, will be dispensed with.

Dr. John will begin his services Tuesday evening, closing Sunday evening, and they will consist of talks on the fundamentals of the Christian religion. Dr. John, who was former president of DePaul university, is a matchless orator, strikingly forceful. There will be stirring music, admission free, and everybody is welcome. The subjects for the series are:

Tuesday, January 7, 7:30 p. m., "A Glimpse of God in the Microscope." Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 p. m.,

"A Glimpse of God in the Human Body."

Thursday, January 9, 7:30 p. m., "Did Man Make God, or Did God Make Man?"

Sunday, January 12, 10:30 a. m., "The Most Notable Event in History." Sunday, January 12, 7:30 p. m., "The Worth of a Man." Men's meeting. Sunday, January 12, 7:30 p. m., "A Fire-proof Conviction."

"MUTT AND JEFF."

You've seen them in the newspaper and laughed at their absurd antics. Now you have a chance to see them in real life, flesh and blood, at the House opera house, Tuesday, January 10th, just as if they stepped out of the "funny paper." They'll be there with their entire family of comedians, singers and dancers, also a bunch of pert little "squabs." Don't miss "Mutt and Jeff." You'll be sorry if you do.

POLICE COURT.

John Crawley, a construction gangster, was up before Judge Stone this morning on the charge of public intoxication and received the usual budget of \$5 and costs, amounting to \$12. Being unable to settle to the satisfaction of the state, he was cordially invited to be the guest of the county for a period of fourteen days. Crawley managed to get on the outside of the liquor in Huntington, according to his story, and with two companions, they crawled on an Erie fast freight train. The conductor noticed them just as the train was entering the city and sent in a call for the police, which was answered by Marshal Peterson. The train stopped at the Eleventh street crossing and Peterson found his man in a gondola, dazed to the world. He carried him to a nearby residence until an automobile could be secured to transfer him to the jail. Marshal Peterson states that if attention had not been given the man at that time, that in a very short while he would have frozen to death.

A SAD, SAD TALE

Of a Parcels Post Package That Bore Ordinary Stamps.

A certain person in the city who has read miles and miles of dope on the new parcels post system, ceased to wonder why a certain rush order of kodak prints has not yet arrived from Fort Wayne, when it was read in the Fort Wayne papers that several hundred fourth class packages were held at the postoffice there because they bore ordinary stamps instead of the distinctive parcels post stamps. On New Year's day the party took some pictures, for which there was urgent desire. It was the custom to mail the films to the Fort Wayne house handling the distinctive supplies to get them developed. On account of the postoffice having a legal holiday New Year's day, it was known if the films were mailed here, in the afternoon, the package would not leave until the next morning and probably not reach the photo house until nearly the next noon. Accordingly the party went to Fort Wayne intending to leave the films at the photo store, but found it closed for the day. The package was then dropped in the mail slot at the Fort Wayne postoffice, thinking that the local delivery would get it there in good time the next morning. The package bore the ordinary stamps with which the films had been mailed scores and scores of times before, the party forgetting that the package would come under the new parcels post class. The order was marked "rush," but it has not yet been heard from.

JAIL DELIVERY FOILED.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Jan. 4, (Special to Daily Democrat).—In an attempt jail delivery near here early this morning, Officer Gillis was hot through the chest and killed while Officer Cook was shot through the hand. The man who did the shooting was a safe-blower awaiting trial. A revolver duel followed the attempt delivery with the result that every prisoner was captured and handcuffed and none escaped. Friends of the safe-blower set off two explosions of dynamite which broke the walls down and furnished the prisoner with arms but instead of making his dash for liberty, he waited to set other prisoners free thus enabling the officers to arrive on the scene.

Baltimore, Md. Jan. 4, (Special to Daily Democrat).—Fourteen members of the crew of the steamer "Julia Luckenbach" from Port Campa were reported to have been drowned when the steamer was rammed in Chesapeake Bay last night in a gale. Seven men were rescued by the British steamer "Inrakulka" which sunk the "Luckenbach." A revenue cutter has been dispatched to the assistance. Capt. Gilbert of the "Luckenbach" and

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

his wife are among the missing.

On last Wednesday evening a party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Thieme, southeast of the Meekle church. The evening was spent in music and games. Those present were Matilda and Ella Kruekeberg, Freda Keldaway, Paula Bess, Ruth Martach, Viola Grote, Lydia Kruekeberg, Ella Bleske, Louise and Marie Baker, Clara Lehrman, Cordia Busch of Van Wert, Ohio; Hilda Smith and Herbert Meekle of Port Wayne, Anton and Ed Thieme, Gust and Ed Kruekeberg, Aaron Weiland, Adolph Martach, George Ehrhardt, Simon, Dick, Willie, Joe, Fred and Fritz Bleske, Herbert Reinking, Charles Thieme, Jud Reinking, Walter Bleske, Edwin Schramm, Art Bleske, Roland Grote. At a late hour they all departed for their homes.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will hold their regular meeting Tuesday, January 10th, at the home of Mrs. John Heller. Mrs. Engstrom, the field secretary, will be present and give a short address and the following program will also be given: Music, with Mrs. Gleaser as pianist; devotional, Mrs. Lyons; paper, Mrs. Beavers; duet, Mrs. J. C. Patterson and daughter, Miss Marie; round table, Mrs. L. A. Graham; music and social hour. Everybody invite.

Miss Bernice Andrews has returned from Hutton, where she visited with friends. She also attended a Leap Year ball given by five young lady friends, and later a supper given by one of the hostesses, Miss Stella Seabold. The covers were laid for eight, others being Fred Sale, Herman Ashbacher, Hazel Neff, of Hutton; Walter Degroot, Pete Cline, Uarda Walker, from Muncie. The leap year ball was one of the most brilliant ever given in Hutton. Miss Andrews also attended the K. of P. reception.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Zerkel and family entertained on New Year's day, the Misses Wildes and Wilma Dailey of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Zerkel and daughter, Justine. A sumptuous dinner was served. In the evening they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brunzgraf and children, Clarence, Walter and Elsie, and Mr. Martin Brunzgraf. Ice cream, crack-cakes and apples were served. The evening was spent with music and singing.

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husbands shared the pleasures of the Charles Elzey home on West Monroe street Friday evening. Little tables were set for the accommodation of the players of progressive hearts, a much-enjoyed game. First prizes were won by Mrs. Milt Hower and Otto Kirsch and second prizes by Mrs. John Stewart and Harry Hols. Luncheon was served at the little tables, the hostess being assisted by the Misses Ruth Parrish and Naomi VanCamp.

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