

Decatur voted "wet" at Wednesday's election by a majority of thirty-two votes. It was one of the most exciting elections ever held here and the interest manifested while the returns were being received at this office last evening proved beyond question that everybody has an opinion on this question of selling liquor. This is also shown from the fact that an even 1,200 votes were cast, that being the largest vote ever polled in the city. The campaign was made along different lines than ever before. Each side organized and worked quietly. Until the last week, one would never guess unless he knew that an election campaign was in progress, but all the time each side was working as hard as its workers could. The "dry" side was organized and worked quietly. Until the last week, one would never guess unless he knew that an election campaign was in progress, but all the time each side was working as hard as its workers could. The "dry" side was organized and worked quietly. Until the last week, one would never guess unless he knew that an election campaign was in progress, but all the time each side was working as hard as its workers could.

As early as 6:30 this office was packed with people and the crowd in front of the bulletin windows extended to the middle of the street. At a few minutes after 7 o'clock the returns from the first precinct, "B" Third Ward, came in, fixing the "wet" majority at thirty-two and the crowd began to disperse though quite a number waited for the returns from the township.

Washington township which also held a local option election yesterday went "dry" by a majority of three votes, which means the closing of the saloon near Monroe when the license expires April 4. The license is held by Franklin Andrews. The fight in the township was also a hot one as shown by the close vote, the North

precinct going wet by forty-two while the South precinct went dry by forty-five. In the city of Decatur the "dry" carried First Ward "A" and Second Ward "B" while the "wets" won in all the other precincts. Third Ward "A" gave a wet majority of 55, the largest for that side, while First Ward "A" gave the dry their best showing, a majority of 38. There was considerable talk last evening and to-day of a remonstrance in the Second Ward where are located all the saloons of the city, and it is likely that an effort will be made along that line although it is doubtful if such a movement would be successful since the yard went "dry" by only three.

Another rumor that was current to-day was that the board in Third Ward "A" allowed a part of its members to go to dinner, while the rest remained and recorded the vote. It was stated that an effort to have that vote thrown out would be made. The vote for the city and township by precincts follows:

Precinct	"Dry"	"Wet"
First Ward "A".....	119	55
First Ward "B".....	75	51
Second Ward "A".....	119	133
Second Ward "B".....	82	56
Third Ward "A".....	77	112
Third Ward "B".....	120	125
Totals.....	544	616
Wet majority, 72.....		
Washington Township.....		
North.....	59	101
South.....	34	49
Totals.....	157	150
Dry majority, 7.....		

If the election stands, the five retail saloons, C. Rademacher, C. D. Murray, Morton Andrews, Lafayette Elmer and Ben Kistner will secure licenses at the April term of the board of commissioners and will continue to operate as heretofore.

The public library of this city can no longer be known as the Decatur public library. Its privileges have been extended to all the residents of Washington township, who now enjoy equal rights with those of Decatur in this respect. For some time the local, as well as the state board, has been working for township extension and this point was gained in respect to Washington township. The extension will also add to the library funds for Washington township will be levied in library tax as well as Decatur, which will be available next year.

The report of Miss Annette Moore, librarian, as made to the library board for the past year, is a very encouraging one as the past month shows a heavier patronage and greater interest than any in the library's existence. The number of 5,273 books of the best literature are on the shelves awaiting the perusal of Decatur and Washington township readers. The large number of "borrowers" as the registered patrons are technically known, was increased by sixty new ones during the month.

Take, a former clerk at the True & Runyon store, this city. The groom is a son of Christian Mankie, living near Preble, and has many relatives here. INDIANAPOLIS, March 5.—The Richmond, Portland and Fort Wayne Railroad company, an interurban road, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, with a capital stock \$100,000. The principal office of the company is to be at Portland and the road will touch Fort Wayne, Decatur, Macon, Deane, Cayton, Geneva, Bryant, Portland, Winchester, Lynn, Fountain City, Richmond and all intervening cities and towns. The directors of the road are Grant S. Stash, William F. Hurlburt, Charles P. Harrison, Richard L. McCarty and Chris H. Frank. On the total capital stock \$100,000 has been subscribed.

In an interview this morning with Receiver Frank Quinn, of the Fort Wayne & Springfield Railway company, he stated that he knew nothing of the above named company, nor any of the members thereof, nor did any of the traction men of the city or Geneva know of it. A brisk season in building circles is evident from the activities already begun. When the bids were opened last night at Van Wert, Ohio, for the building of the new Evangelical church the firm of Linn & Patton, of this city, whose bid was \$12,450, was awarded the contract. Their work will not include art glass, frescoing, heating nor plumbing, all of which will bring the cost of the church complete, up to \$12,900. The other two bidders were Mann & Christen, Decatur, \$14,515; Purdy & Stripe, Van Wert, \$14,554.

The church will be built on the site of the old one which has been torn down, and work will begin as soon as the weather permits, with the expectation of completing it by October 1. The site is at the corner of Line and Crawford streets. These present from the city at the opening of the bids were Oscar Hoffman, who made the plan, and Contractors C. S. Christen and Fred Linn.

Bids will be received Saturday evening at the office of Architect Oscar Hoffman for the new house to be erected by John Schug, on South Third street, south of the French Quinn residence. The plans were drawn by Mr. Hoffman. It will be a seven-room house with bath, two stories and basement, similar to the Quinn house.

Arrangements will be made Saturday for advertisement for the bids for the new school house, designed by Architect Oscar Hoffman. Bids will probably be received the latter part of the month. It will be of one story with basement. There will be three class rooms on the ground floor, also a library and trustee's office. The structure will be of pressed brick with stone trimmings and will be a handsome one. A plot of ground has been purchased adjoining the playground of the old school house and the new one will be erected on the new ground. Otto J. Ruman is trustee.

Allan G. Angier, an attorney of Bellevue, Ohio, is interested in the settlement of an estate in Ohio, where Gustie French Pierce or heirs would be entitled to a large sum of money if they can be found. Their whereabouts are unknown, and efforts are being made to find them by publishing notices in leading Indiana newspapers, as this estate was her home.

Dyrkin, charging him with failure to support his children. The warrant was issued on an affidavit filed in the circuit court today by his wife, Barbara Knoff. The affidavit charges that on February 11, and for a long time prior to that, Knoff, who was well able to do so, willfully, unlawfully and feloniously failed to provide a proper home food and clothing for his minor children. They are set out in the affidavit as follows: Harry, aged 18 years; Helen, 8 years; John, 6 years; Robert, 3 years; and Kenneth, aged 1 month.

An order was made for the publication of all depositions, on the claim of William and Sarah Pendergast, Calvin D. Knook, administrator of the estate of John Woy, demand \$1,100.

Mary E. Davis vs. Franklin A. Emrick, returned from Wells county, was set for trial March 14.

William Bernard vs. Wm. J. and Daniel W. Meyers and the city of Decatur, damages. Demurrer overruled; exceptions; rule to answer absolute in five days.

A judgment for \$124.90 and costs for the plaintiff, Arthur Hyner, was rendered against John W. and William Emery. The defendants defaulted.

The final report of Serena A. Johnson, as guardian of Nellie B. Johnson, was approved and the guardian discharged.

The following real estate transfers were recorded: Roy Archibald et al. to Angelina M. Archibald, lot 151, Decatur, \$1; Mary J. Koon to Jesse Koon, 12 acres of St. Mary's township, quit claim deed, \$1,500.

New York, March 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Harry K. Thaw's latest attempt to secure his freedom from the asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan failed today. Thaw had himself produced before Justice DeLozier of the supreme court and a writ of habeas corpus was planned to force a jury trial, the result was that when the case was called before the Justice Henry Hirschberg, of New York, who says he was "the defendant's personal counsel" demanded the permit to withdraw the writ when he learned of certain steps the prosecution intended to take. After a lengthy legal wrangle the permission was granted and the proceedings were abandoned.

Athens, March 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The surrender today by him in Truist and thirty-two thousand prisoners was officially announced at the war office this morning.

Constantinople, March 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—An official statement today said that the Turkish cruiser Hamidieh sank three Greek transports at Athens instead of only one as reported yesterday. Twenty-four transports were conveying soldiers, mostly Serbians when the big war ship attacked them. In rapid succession the Hamidieh sank the three boats and damaged several others, not allowing the remaining transports to attempt any rescue.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 6.—The Madenista rebellion in Sonora was given new impetus today when coup-makers were sent out to notify towns that the state congress had formerly succeeded from the republic. Sonora is one of the richest and popular states in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Major General Leonard Wood for the present will remain as chief of staff of the army on an order by President Wilson was announced by the war department today. This is taken to mean that he will serve the one year and five months balance of his term.

After voting for forty years Peter Meyer, aged sixty-four, a well-known Washington township farmer, born in Bavaria, Germany, had his vote challenged yesterday, and was obliged to take out first naturalization papers before he was permitted to cast his vote. Mr. Meyer came with his parents to this country landing March 1, 1868, when he was eighteen years of age. The family settled in Ohio and there the father took out naturalization papers, and thus becoming a full-fledged American citizen, his minor children, including Peter, became American citizens with the father's action.

Peter Meyer, however, when his vote was challenged yesterday, did not have the papers here to show his adoption as an American citizen, as they had been lost. There was not time enough to send to the Ohio city to get them, so, rather than lose his vote, he called at the office of County Clerk Blecke and took on the necessary papers yesterday.

pers that qualified him to vote, was Tom Yelland, aged twenty-nine, a native of Moravia, Austria. He landed in New York July 4, 1908.

RECORD-BREAKING EGG YIELD. Walter Billing's Fifteen Pullets Lay 247 Eggs in February.

Walter, little son of the Rev. J. H. Billing, of the Evangelical church, who is in partnership with his father in poultry raising, may justly be proud of the fine egg yield made by his flock of fifteen Buff Orpington pullets during the month of February. During that short month, when eggs were as scarce as the proverbial south of the "haystack" and the price soared far beyond the reach of the average pocketbook, this little flock of fine hens laid 247 eggs by actual count. The yield for each day was from eight to twelve eggs. This was notwithstanding the fact that the pullets were hatched last May 15, and a few in July, which is rather late for winter layers. So far, they are making good this month also. Mr. Billing has the high bred Buff Orpington strain.

"I feel absolutely certain that the local option election will be contested, but I have no authority to make that statement positively until after the managing board of the 'dry' organization have held their meeting. They will meet Friday evening and the matter will be decided by vote. If it is decided to contest it will no doubt be for two causes, namely, illegal voting and the fact that the board in Third Ward 'A' did not meet on Thursday. I believe the matter will be decided in court."

The above statement was made this afternoon by C. L. Walters, attorney and chairman of the "dry" organization. Other leading members of that organization also stated their belief that the matter would be fought out in court. The "dry" claim that from four to six votes were cast in each precinct illegally, that is, that was voted "wet" who had no right to vote and they say that this would be sufficient to turn the election to the "drys".

The real point on which the contest will be filed, however, is due to the fact that the members of the Third Ward "A" election board, instead of having their meals brought to them, went to the restaurant or their homes. They went in pairs so that there was always a "wet" and "dry" representative at the polling place, but the law says that the election board shall meet at 9 a. m. and continue in session without any adjournment until 6 p. m., and the fact that the men left will be contested in court. It is argued on the other hand that there is a section of the statute which provides that no act of the board shall invalidate the election. It is likely that it will make a real interesting law suit. The contest will be filed with the board of commissioners and likely appealed by the side, which loses, to the circuit court and from there to the supreme court.

If the vote for Third Ward "A" is thrown out, it would change the result from thirty-two wet to twenty-three dry, that is, it would give a "wet" majority of fifty-five. There seems to be some difference of opinion as to whether the vote would be thrown out or the election declared illegal. In the latter case it is argued another election would be necessary.

The board at Third Ward "A" was composed of W. J. Myers and Lafayette Baker, judges; Harry Fritzinger and O. L. Vance, clerks, and M. Kirsch, inspector. The latter admitted that the board went out for meals, but states that there were always three at the polls, which were kept open as required. The action, it is also said, was done only after the board had unanimously agreed to this course. Mr. Kirsch stated that this had been done before by boards on which he served, and that they had interpreted the law to allow them to do this. They also notified the election commissioners in the morning that they intended to thus arrange the meals instead of having them brought in.

It was also reported this afternoon that the election in Washington township which went "dry" by only three votes, will be contested. No details, however, could be ascertained.

OSSEAN GETS NEXT CONFERENCE. At the Fort Wayne Methodist district conference which closed a three days' session at Fort Wayne yesterday afternoon, Ossian was selected as the place for the holding of the conference next year.

Ten candidates for the ministry were examined, they being: Earl White, of Angola; Otis T. Bowman, of Bluffton; Guy Kidd, of Decatur; Kenneth Hawkins and George F. Crowe, of Fort Wayne; Prof. Harvey P. Griffey, of Geneva; Roy S. Brown, of Angola; Elmer Harris, James E. Leist and James Lockwood, of Poneto. E. P. Thornburg examined the candidates on doctrine and Charles Tinkham discipline.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: Rev. J. A. Beatty, president; Rev. J. O. Hills, of Montpelier, vice-president; Rev. Louis D. Rehl, of Ossian, secretary and treasurer. Rev. Rehl also was selected as the official reporter for the religious publications. Among the committee elected were E. A. Sumner of the committee for the examination of local preachers in the course of study for the third year; G. H. Krafte and K. K. Thompson, for the fourth year.

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NOTES OF COUNTY SCHOOLS. County Superintendent L. E. Opliger is naturally well pleased with the fact that Governor Ralston has signed the bill extending the time of the county superintendents two years. This will allow him to serve four years from next August, instead of to June, 1915, and will give him nearly twelve years in the office. The bill was passed to avoid the trustees and superintendent going into office practically at the same time and thus disturbing the schools.

The superintendent today granted the prayer of petitioners from St. Mary's township to remove the school in district number one, 599 feet. A new and modern school building is to be erected there this summer. The hearing on the Root township centralizing question has been postponed.

UNCLE HEZEKIAH OBSERVES. By and Rud what works on a newspaper is a better never realizes what a good, mammy-like feelin' his home papers has for him until he gets worried around and given a good, frank slapping from him of the "mammy" papers. They ain't agoin' to put up with you short-comin' and give y' taffy like mammy.

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