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One paper in the home is worth a dozen in the by-way. THE DEMOCRAT IS THE HOME PAPER OF Mercer County.

THE WORLD'S MOST PERFECT EAR OF CORN

The Story of Its Discovery and the Man Whom It Brought Fame—1913 Show.



The World's Greatest Ear of Corn

Variety—Painin's Corn Flake Yellow. (Named after winning the W. K. Kellogg \$1,000 Trophy.)
A Hybrid—The seventh year production.
Parent Plants—Male, Reid's Yellow Dent. Female, Alexander's Gold Standard.



The World's Champion Ear

Just a countryman—that's all," is the way the grower of this remarkable ear of corn, Mr. Fred C. Falin, styles himself. Though he is admitted to be one of the leading corn experts in the country—one whose services are greatly in demand as a judge of corn exhibits, Mr. Falin asks for no greater honor or distinction than to be known as a plain Hoosier farmer, and while he openly professes a reasonable pride in the achievement of growing the famous ear of corn which was adjudged the most perfect ever grown, it is without a shadow of ostentation.

DIVORCE MARKET TRIFLE DULL

According to Court Docket, But Shortage is Also Noted in Other Court Channels.

The February term of Common Court will begin next Monday morning when the grand jury is summoned to appear at 10 o'clock. Judge Layton, of Wapakoneta, will be here to start the grand jury on their usual secret grind, and after sending the jury into session he will make an assignment of cases for the term.

The docket this term is unusually light. Only sixty-two cases are on the printed docket and the few being filed will not likely increase the number to more than sixty-five or seventy. The list of divorce cases is also smaller than for the past several terms, only about eight of these being filed.

Several important cases will likely come up this term, one of which is more or less interesting to the people of this city. Definite action will likely be taken in the case of L. F. Raudabaugh vs. the Village of Celina. Raudabaugh asks that a trunk sewer be put through his land, south of town, to carry away the refuse from the sewers of this city, which is now deposited in an open ditch on his lands, making it unhealthy and a nuisance for his tenants.

Five candidates have announced for Commissioner since our last issue. They are Bernard Evers of Marion Township, John Hildbold of Gibson, Henry Behrens of Dublin, Par Hart of Celina, and Harry A. Jewett of Jefferson. This makes twelve candidates so far announced for the jobs of Commissioners Dillhoff, Helly and Kiser. Two other announcements are also made in this issue—L. B. Hinton of Liberty for Treasurer and Walter L. Johnson for renomination as Clerk of Courts.

FAIR LADS SEE THE NEUTRAL

And Are Prepared to Let 'Er Come But Balk at Turning Over the Offices Just Yet.

By a change of rules made by the members of the Mercer County Agricultural Society, meeting in this city on the 25th ult., women of this county who hold family admission tickets to the Banner Fair this fall, will be entitled to vote for candidates for membership on the Board. The right of holding an office, however, was not granted in the change of the rules pertaining to the election, which was amended as follows:

ARTICLE 3—Every citizen of the County of Mercer, male or female, of the age of 21 years or over, who shall pay annually one dollar to the treasury of the society on or prior to the last day of the Fair, shall be a member of the society and entitled to vote on presentation of a ticket purchased by them. Conditional, however, that only male members of said society can hold the office of directors.

The premium list was revised in several departments and definite action taken towards the erection of a new horticultural building, the contract for which will be let sometime next month.

The following committees were appointed for the ensuing fair: Executive Committee—Sol Shock, H. A. Beckman, S. J. Vining, Charles Bollenbacher and J. C. Brookhart.

Auditing Committee—William Hamilton, Irvin Hole and S. K. Copeland. Committee on Grounds—S. J. Vining, T. W. Clark, Frank Birkmeyer, William Hamilton and S. K. Copeland.

The following appointments of superintendents of the different departments were made by Pres. Shock: Gate—P. B. Birkmeyer. Privileges—T. W. Clark. Horses—Irvin Hole. Cattle—Wm. Hamilton. Sheep—J. C. Brookhart. Hogs—S. K. Copeland. Poultry—Charles Bollenbacher. Machinery—Fred Heckman. Produce—John Chillingworth. Grand Stand—John Stillbarger. Education—John Powell.

WALTER L. JOHNSON Candidate for re-election as Clerk of Courts.

Courts. Walter has made good and the primary vote will show the people have unusual confidence in him. He is probably the youngest man ever elected to a county office in Mercer County and was honored by a magnificent vote, leading the ticket.

Miss Edith Watson, who for some years past has been the efficient bookkeeper at the Meridian Bros.-Brands factory, left Wednesday for Dayton, where she accepts a like position with the Yankes & Boardwater Co. at that hotel in the Gem City. Her position at the furniture factory will be filled by Miss Mary Schunck, former bookkeeper at the Wm. Cron's Sons carriage works. The vacancy at the latter place will be filled by Raymond Polakamp.

DURBIN GROCERY MOVES TO WEST FAYETTE STREET

The G. P. Durbin & Son grocery was this week moved from their South Main street location, to the John Puffert room at the corner of Fayette and Walnut streets, better known as the old Newcomb grocery corner. Their new location is near the West Fayette street feed barns and in the busiest part of the country trading district. The store will be in charge of Mr. Durbin's sons, Tom and Ed, Mr. Durbin retiring from active work himself. He will leave, with his wife and a younger son, the first next week for Sanford, Mich., where he has extensive land interests.

INTERFERING WITH OFFICER COMES HIGH

Charles Brown, of Hopewell township, was arrested by Marshal Pumphrey last Monday on an affidavit filed by the marshal, charging Brown with interfering with an officer. He pleaded guilty in Mayor Miller's court and was fined \$10 and costs. The arrest was the result of Brown attempting to keep a pump from being taken to Al Rockwood to the calaboose a week or so since.

Six candidates were given the third degree work by the local I. O. O. F. lodge team, following the close of the regular meeting last Monday evening. Those to take the work were T. W. Thompson, Ray Wilson, P. F. Fetters, Ralph Moore, Anthony Faller and William Huffman.

Contractor R. K. Wyckoff, accompanied by his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. L. Wyckoff, left Monday for Carrollton, Mo., where the Wyckoff boys have a large dredging contract. Mrs. Wyckoff will make an indefinite visit with her husband.

132 ACRE FARM GREAT VALUE IF SOLD SOON

Good soil, splendid location, 30 acres fine young timber, half mile from railroad station, store, church, school, mills, blacksmith shop, rural delivery, good roads on two crescent routes, seven room house, barn, 1000 bushels of corn, 100 bushels of wheat, splendid stock farm. Write today, B. E. KIES, Hillsdale Mich.

Farm for Sale
Farm 101 acres, two miles southeast of Mendon, Ohio; large bank barn, 40x50; 9-room house, wood-house, scales and other out-buildings. Write today, B. E. KIES, Hillsdale Mich.

AUGUST WON'T HAVE MUCH WHEN WIFE GETS TROUGH

Inez L. Hansel last Friday filed a petition in divorce from her husband, August Hansel, on the grounds of willful absence, neglect and cruelty. She also asks for the custody of their son; for the return of her inherited property, free from incumbrances, which defendant now has in possession; for sufficient alimony for support of their child and herself, costs and such other relief as she is entitled to.

Mrs. Mary Wirtz, aged 81
Mrs. Mary Wirtz, widow of the late Joseph Wirtz, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Barney Beckman, near Cassella, last Saturday morning at the age of 81 years. She had been in failing health for many years. Funeral services were held at the Cassella Catholic Church last Tuesday morning.

Elizabeth Harrison, aged 78
Elizabeth Harrison, aged 78 years, a well known resident of Center township, died at her home south of Napoleon last Tuesday morning of pneumonia, following a long illness, brought on by old age. Deceased was born in this state in November, 1835. Funeral services were held yesterday, with interment in the Burdge cemetery near Montezuma.

Miss Jennie Ryan, aged 24
The remains of Miss Jennie Ryan, aged 24 years, who died at her home at Sidney Monday night, were taken through here Wednesday en route to her former home at Rockford.

Mrs. Richard Edwards, aged 45
Mrs. Richard Edwards, aged 45 years, died at her home in Union township early last Tuesday morning after suffering for some time with cancer of the stomach. She is survived by her husband and three children. Funeral services were held yesterday morning at the Tomlinson Church, in Union township.

Elmer Day, aged 55
Elmer Day, aged 55 years, a well known resident of the west end of Jefferson township, died at his home, seven miles south-west of this city, last Monday morning, after an illness of pneumonia.

Armeda VanGordon, aged 72
Mrs. Armeda VanGordon, aged 72 years, died at her home on South Sugar street, early last Tuesday morning, after suffering for a number of years with bronchial and kidney trouble. Deceased was born in Fulton county, this state, March 3, 1839. She moved to this county when a small child, and with the exception of her early life, which she spent at Coldwater, she has been a resident of this city. Three husbands preceded her in death, while the following children survive: Miss Mary Woten, who has cared for her mother for the past several years; Dora Woten, of Manitoba, Canada; Mrs. John Bass, of Jackson, Mich.; Ell Woten, of Rockford, and Mrs. Henry Pitchford, of Coldwater. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon.

FARMS FOR SALE
120 acres in Center Township, good buildings, well tiled, no better land in the County. Possession March 1st, next.

30 acres in Granville Township, three miles Northwest of St. Henry, Ohio; good land, finely improved, at a bargain. Possession March 1st, next.

50 acres in Dublin Township, subject to dower estate in 20 acres of farm. We own the above farms outright, and will sell same with or without dower, balance long time. Call or write, RILEY & BRYSON, Celina, O.

HENDRICKS WANTS FURS AND HIDES
G. J. Hendricks buys furs and hides and pays best prices for them. 118 West Anthony street, Celina, Ohio.

CELINA MARKETS
The following were the quotations for grain, live stock and produce in the Celina market yesterday evening.

GRAIN (Furnished by Palmer & Miller)	
Wheat, per bush.	94c
Corn, per 100 lbs.	80c
Oats, per bush.	50c
Barley, per bush.	1.00
Rye, per bush.	85c
LIVE STOCK	
Clover, per bush.	42c
Alfalfa, per bush.	1.10
Timothy, per bush.	65c
HAY (Furnished by The Model Milling Co.)	
No. 1 mixed, per ton.	20.00
No. 1 clover, per ton.	18.00
PRODUCE (Furnished by Frank Fischer)	
Cattle, per 100 lbs.	\$4.00
Veal calves, per 100 lbs.	\$3.00
Hogs, per 100 lbs.	\$3.00
(Furnished by The J. A. Long Co.)	
Fowls, per lb.	30c
Spring chickens, per lb.	35c
Cocks, per lb.	30c
Turkey hens, per lb.	30c
Turkey toms, per lb.	30c
Ducks, per lb.	30c
Geese, per lb.	30c
No. 1 hides, per lb.	8c
(Furnished by Landin & Messervey)	
Butter, per lb.	25c
Eggs, per doz.	25c
Beef, per lb.	10c
Pork, per lb.	10c
Yellow, per lb.	4c
Potatoes, new, per bushel.	\$1.00

CELINA TO BE UNMADE AGAIN

With Free Exhibit of Experiments and Demonstrations on Wednesday, February 14.

The Ohio exhibit car will travel Ohio for 100 days to show the needs of the State and to emphasize its possibilities and the room there is for improvement and increasing yields.

Everything is free. Nothing will be sold. Nothing advertised but the state of Ohio. The car will be conducted by the State Board of Agriculture, the College of Agriculture and the Ohio Experiment Station.

The New York Central lines furnish and move the car free of charge at the request of the State.

Everybody from city and country will visit this—the finest exhibit car ever run in Ohio! Long stops. Good instructors. Good literature. Good wages by coming. The car will visit Celina, February 14, from 10:35 a. m. till 8:20 p. m. and exhibit from a side track at Lake Erie & Western depot.

ROCKFORD PREPARING FOR BIG AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The farmers in the vicinity of Rockford and the people of that village are working enthusiastically towards making the agricultural school, to be held in that town the latter part of this month, a big affair. Many women in the community are interesting themselves in the home-makers course and it is presumed the school will be largely attended.

The State Agricultural Society has selected the following instructors for the meet: O. M. Johnson, on soil fertility; W. H. Darst, on farm crops; N. E. Evans, on animal husbandry; Misses Elizabeth Jefferson and Mabel Miskin, for the home-makers department.

CUPID'S VICTIMS

Mathies—Albers
Gustave C. Mathies and Mrs. Martha Albers, both of this city, were united in marriage at the Catholic Church at Tuesday morning. The nuptial high mass being said by Rev. George Hindelang. The couple were attended by a sister and a nephew of the bride, Miss Clara Gardner and Albert Gardner. Immediately following the ceremony the wedding party repaired to a cozy home the groom had prepared on East Wayne street, where an elaborate wedding dinner was served.

Martelle—Sivy
Ortis Martelle, of Hartford City, Ind., and Miss Broe Sivy, of Rockford, were united in marriage by Rev. Bennett of the M. E. Church, at the church parsonage last Saturday morning. The young couple went to Rockford on the noon Cincinnati Northern train to spend a few days with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sivy, prior to going to their future home at Hartford City, where the groom is employed in a glass factory.

Marriage Licenses Issued
Joseph G. Wells, aged 34, Zena City, O., carpenter, son of Jos. Wells, and Emma G. Redinger, aged 18, Liberty township, housekeeper, daughter of John Somers.

Ortis Martelle, aged 24, Hartford City, Ind., and Broe Sivy, aged 18, Rockford, milliner, daughter of John Sivy.

Delbert Huey, aged 20, Jay county, Ind., farmer, son of John Huey, and Mary M. Behmer, aged 18, Liberty township, housekeeper, daughter of John G. Behmer.

CHATTANOOGA TO HAVE INSTITUTE

The farmers of the northwestern end of the county are arranging for a big farmers' institute to be held at Chattanooga, February 28 and 29. The institute, program will be held in the Evangelical Church. The state speakers will be John Beggs, of Columbus, and E. C. Martensdale, of Wilkinson, Ind. The full program will be ready for publication soon.

A derailed coal car in the Cincinnati Southern yards in this city held up traffic for a couple of hours last Monday afternoon. The "honze" train, due out of here at 4:25, was not able to leave until about 5:30.

Mrs. Samuel Pearson is home from Pontiac, Mich., where she was called last week by the serious illness of her sister, whose condition has improved.

At a meeting of the Jefferson township Board of Education last Saturday Warren Trenary tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, which was accepted. D. D. Wolf was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Smith, of the west end of the township, were in this city Wednesday on their way home from Ft. Wayne, Ind., where on Monday, their eight year old daughter underwent an operation for a dislocation of the thigh bone. The child has undergone several previous operations, but her condition since the last operation shows a decided improvement.

Ado Cron this week sold his photo gallery on East Market street to W. A. Sunderman, a young Ft. Recovery photographer, who took charge of the business yesterday. Mr. Cron expects to go on the road, traveling for a portrait firm. His headquarters will be in this city.

The new proprietor is a young man, a graduate of the Illinois College of Photography and has considerable experience in the work. He comes here from Springfield, Ill., where he has been working for several years.

JURY FINDS AGAINST PLAINTIFF

A jury in Squire Rice's court, last Monday returned a verdict for the defendant of no cause for action, in a suit brought by Mrs. Ladora Adams to recover \$131 from her aged aunt, Mrs. Eliza Woods, alleging that she was owed for board and washing.

LOCAL POLITICS

With a candidate greening up at almost every corner, and with petitions being turned before you to sign at almost every turn and angle, it would seem that only next week, or next month at the latest, would see the actual year of the free-for-all scramble that usually comes with the close of a strenuous primary election struggle.

But as yet almost three months will elapse before the big ballot will be presented to Democratic voters for the exercise of their judgment and North American privileges of selecting the man best fitted for the respective job at their disposal.

Time is ripe, however, to acquire a few pointers and fix a few dates in your hat in regard to the coming May primary.

Section 4999 of the Ohio election law as amended by the Legislature last year, provides that nominating petitions must be filed thirty days prior to the date of the primary election. With the election this year coming on May 21, it will be necessary that petitions must be filed with the Clerk of Courts of Elections on or before midnight, Saturday, April 20.

The law also provides that petitions must be signed by electors of the county, who are members of the political party to which the candidate belongs, not less in number than two per cent of the vote cast for the candidate for Governor of such party at the last general election.

This makes it necessary that petitions must contain two per cent of the vote cast in the county for Governor Harmon in 1910. Harmon's vote was 3487. Two per cent of this number would make 70 signers. As it is frequently the case that many petitions are thoughtlessly signed, it would be safer to secure eighty or ninety signers to make sure that the petition pass muster before the election board.

Two delegates to the Democratic National Convention from this district, which comprises Mercer, Allen, Auglaize, Darke and Shelby Counties, will be selected at the spring primary on May 21.

The formal announcement of Joseph Barnes, of Shelby County, as one of the delegates, has started discussions as to available timber in the five counties to represent the district in the convention, and where the honors are likely to fall.

Mercer County, as well as Shelby, is in line for this honor this year, and with the proper aspirant from here there would be little doubt as to his selection in the district.

The most talked of man in the county at present is former Mayor P. E. Kenney, who four years ago was one of the alternates to the Denver convention. He is a Democrat from A to Z, and would receive the solid support of the county if he aspired to the honor.

Speaker Vining has also been mentioned as a man who would honor the district if he were sent to the Baltimore convention next summer. There would be no mistake in his selection,

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN LIBERTY SCRAP

Bauer Comes Back at Fickert, Who is Arrested and Bound Over to Court.

Otto Fickert of Liberty township was arrested and brought to this city last Wednesday on a charge of snoring with intent to kill, preferred by Wm. Bauer of the same township.

Fickert was taken before Squire Rice, waived examination and was bound over to court in the sum of \$1,000. He furnished bond and was released.

The arrest grew out of a row at the Fickert home on the 20th ult., when Fickert had Bauer arrested and jailed for crawling him over the head with a stick of stove wood. Fickert then went after Bauer with a gun, bringing a couple shots to scare the latter, it is alleged. Woman and boose is said to have started it all. Plenty.

The D. O. K. K. brethren of this city are preparing for a big time on the event of St. Valentine's day, Wednesday, February 14, when they will drive a class across the great desert.

O. W. Miller and family, of Nickerson Ave., are moving into the C. G. Wrigley property on Cron street.

Rudolph Behringer, wife and baby, of Richmond, Ind., are here for a week's visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Behringer.

Mrs. Harry VanKirk returned to Decatur, Ind., Tuesday, after spending several weeks with her husband, Sept. Harry VanKirk of the local light plant.

S. J. Vining this week purchased the Val May property, on East Livingston street, which he formally owned and is arranging to again make it his domicile.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Graham have fitted up the former office of Dr. L. D. Brumm, North Walnut, into a cozy little home and are moving into the property.

Mrs. Alice Crooks, of North Main street, sustained a fracture of the left arm above the wrist, when she slipped and fell last Tuesday morning.

Old Man Hornbeck's Conversion

BY C. E. G. PEABODY

It was in the spring of the year, and the wild flowers were running riot over the meads as only the wild flowers of California can when once coaxed out by the warm spring rains. The wash, usually nothing but a sinuous streak of gleaming sand and rocky bowlders, was now raised, by the melting snows in the mountains, to the dignity of a turbulent river. Hobbling along the road like a gigantic grasshopper with the rheumatism came Seth Lane, a moving blot upon a peaceful landscape.

"Bin rollin' in the mud," said old Seth as, mud-encased, he paused before Welch and apologetically mopped his leathery face with a piece of flour sacking which, owing to the old man's rigid sense of economy, did duty for a handkerchief.

"So I see," said Welch, severely. "It would seem to me that an old man like—"

"Bin hiddin' old man Hornbeck good," interrupted Lane, blandly. "He's bin livin' down there by the bend near the wash."

"On the claylands?" asked Welch, absently.

"Yes, on them claylands," chuckled the old man. "He kin lay up here about four months ago from the Downey country, where he had been raisin' hogs an' alfalfa, an' doin' well, too. But he thought he wasn't makin' money fast enuf, so he kin up here in the citrus belt, where he could git rich in a hurry. I rather liked Horn-

YAMAMOTO NEXT ON WASHINGTON LECTURE COURSE

M. T. Yamamoto, a Japanese lecturer, direct from the Mikado's domain, will be the fourth number of the Washington township lecture course, at the High School building, Saturday evening, Feb. 3. Mr. Yamamoto will give his lecture in Japanese costume. His subject will be "Every-Day Life in Japan." He comes highly recommended. Let everybody come out and hear him. He will be interesting.

BIG DINNER AT ST. PAUL'S TO-MORROW

The Young Ladies' Bible Class No. 20, St. Paul's M. E. Church, will give a fine dinner at the church to-morrow (Saturday), from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. Price, 25 cents. A fine menu.

Miss Ida Varwig, of Route 5 out of this city, who has been spending a few weeks at Chicago, returned home last Sunday.

Mrs. Isaac Shively, of Butler township, who has been visiting with her sons, Carl and Ed, at South Heights, Penn., for several weeks, returned home Tuesday. She was not at Lima by Mr. Shively.

Guy Knox, residing on the Cordier farm, near Wabash, was in town the first of the week recalling a sale of his personal property, set for the 15th. He has rented a farm near New Corydon.

Mr. Fred C. Falin, who has never owned a foot of farm land in his life, and the 30 acre farm on which the champion ear of corn which won the Kellogg trophy was grown on a rented farm.

Mr. Falin's real experience as a farmer began about sixteen years ago. He had been on the land as a grocery specialist, salesman, when he took a notion that he would rather be an agriculturist, so he took a few short courses at Purdue University and rented a portion of the farm he had inherited from his father, and began carefully breeding this new variety of corn.

For two years he planted two rows of Reid's Yellow Dent corn, and Alexander's Gold Standard, detasseling the Gold Standard from the detasselled rows he picked for seed only the ones carrying the character which he wanted to reproduce, planting these in breeding plots and maintaining careful selection, so that in nine years he had developed a well-settled type of corn, which he called Painin's Corn.

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