

A GREAT Six Day Shoe Sale JANUARY 6 TO 11

On Men's Shoes and for Cash Only

\$5.00 Shoes go at \$3.50
\$4.00 Shoes go at \$3.00
\$3.50 Shoes go at \$2.75
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\$2.50 Shoes go at \$2.00

Tague Shoe Store

WEATHER.

Rain or snow tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight; colder Saturday.

Grace Bulher is spending the day at Stop 30.

L. C. DeVoss made a business trip to Fort Wayne.

Miss Della McGonagle is suffering from the lagrippe.

Will Winnes is suffering with an attack of lagrippe.

Mrs. Mary Redding is visiting her daughter at Fort Wayne.

A. J. Juday, of Logan, Ohio, was in the city today on business.

Daniel A. Conter, of Logan, Ohio, was a Decatur business caller.

Mrs. C. F. Keur left yesterday for Peoria, Ill., on a trip of pleasure.

Miss Nellie Blackburn and Jessie Winnes are home with the lagrippe.

Harry Kerker, of Logan, Ohio, arrived to transact business in the city.

John Schug went to Berne this afternoon on his regular business trip.

Mrs. H. D. Wittgenfeld, of Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived to be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. M. Trout.

J. O. Smith is a business caller at Fort Wayne.

M. F. Rice made a business trip to Berne this afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Pletcher is on the sick list this week.

Frank France made a business trip to Fort Wayne today.

H. J. Yager is on the sick list suffering with lagrippe.

Miss Campbell, of Lima, O., is in our city visiting with Miss Kittie Watts.

Mrs. Harris Mann and children arrived home from Fort Wayne this noon.

Mrs. Ella Brown returned to her home at Berne after visiting with friends here.

H. F. Bohnke left this afternoon for various places in the northern portion of Indiana.

Marcella Kuebler has been compelled to remain away from school on account of the lagrippe.

Mr. Patterson, the freight agent of the Toledo and Chicago Co., is in the city on business today.

Mrs. Meinering, of Fort Recovery, who has been the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Peter Forbing returned to her home this afternoon.

Mont Evans is on a business trip to Fort Wayne.

Jonathan Kline is attending the poultry show today.

Jonas Kline, of Monmouth, returned home this noon.

C. Pyle returned to Craigville after visiting in the town.

Henry Scheiserstine, of Monmouth, is improving each day.

Frank Wemhoff is on the sick list suffering from lagrippe.

John Tegemkamp, of Delphos, Ohio, is a business caller today.

Mrs. J. W. Shallette, of Willshire, O., is shopping in Decatur today.

Edwin Reinking returned to his home at Fort Wayne this noon.

W. S. Hughes, of Fort Wayne, is a business caller in the city.

A. Rudy, of Portland, was a business caller to our city today.

Miss Myrtle Everett is visiting friends at Pleasant Mills today.

Mrs. John Melotte is visiting relatives at Ridgeville for several days.

Mrs. Josephine Rodd, of Toledo, O., is in the city visiting for several weeks.

Mrs. S. B. Sheets is taking treatment for her eyes at Fort Wayne today.

J. S. Buchanan, of Willshire, arrived in the city to attend the poultry show.

Samuel Acker returned to his home at Geneva this afternoon from a business trip to this city.

Miss Grace McKean left this afternoon for Linn Grove, where she will visit relatives for some time.

Miss Gladys Bowser arrived home from Lima, Ohio, where she was visiting friends for the past week.

Mrs. Wisler, of Monroe, was a visitor to our city this morning and returned to her home this afternoon.

Clen Tegamkamp, of Delphos, Ohio, arrived in Decatur this noon to take treatment for his eye of Dr. D. D. Clarke.

Miss Ethel Botthoff and her mother, Mrs. Horace Botthoff, arrived home from Lagrange, Ind., where they have been visiting.

Mrs. A. Herron, of Harvey, North Dakota, has arrived in the city for a visit with her uncle, S. B. Fordyce.

Mrs. Herron was formerly Ella Fordyce.

William Ramey and John Porter left at noon for Pleasant Mills to put the finishing touches to the newly built home of John Moser of that place.

S. W. Peterson informed us today that he was in the market to purchase several cars of hay and those having the same to sell should see or address him at Decatur.

Mrs. Whitright called this morning and denied that her phone was taken out because of failure to pay and showed a receipt for December. The misunderstanding seems to have occurred over some toll fees.

The five members of the Decatur bowling team who will go to Fort Wayne next week to attend the state bowling tournament, are practicing daily and the boys are confident of getting away with a portion of the prize money. However, they will at that time be compelled to meet all the crack bowlers in the state, and if they win will have to roll remarkable scores. The boys are confident and this is half the battle.

The hard coal famine that visited Decatur for a short time this winter is now being relieved and the various coal merchants are receiving shipments regularly. The cause of the famine was due to the shortage of cars that the mining company's claimed they could not receive. That the situation is relieved to a certain degree will be a sense of relief to the local citizens.

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A CLOSE FINISH Is Promised the Loser of the Billiard Game in Decatur.

A BIG TOURNAMENT "Bones" France Still Leads —Another Contestant Has Entered.

STANDING.				
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	
O. France 100	6	5	1	.333
Allison 90	6	4	2	.666
F. E. France 100	3	2	1	.666
B. France 70	8	5	3	.625
Peterson 70	8	5	3	.625
Studabaker 80	5	3	2	.600
Mangold 70	7	3	4	.428
Bobo 90	7	2	5	.285
Elzey 90	7	2	5	.250
DeVoss	8	2	6	.250

Five games were played yesterday in the DeWitt smoke house billiard tournament and a new man entered the race for honors this being F. E. France, who if he plays up to his form, may go out and win the championship. Mr. France played three games yesterday defeating Studabaker by a score of 100 to 53, DeVoss 100 to 52 and lost to Elzey by a score of 82 to 90. This gives Mr. France a per cent of .666. Studabaker then took on Bart France and defeated him by a score of 100 to 76, both however, fell according to their per cent of the day before. Mangold then added a victory to his string thereby bringing his per cent up to a very noticeable figure. Several games will be played this evening and by Saturday evening it is thought that all games will be played and a champion determined.

MISS GRACE MILLER TO APPEAR Will Assist in "An Evening With Tennyson" January 30th.

The Euterpean club have arranged for "An Evening With Tennyson" to be given at the library auditorium on the evening of January 30th, when Miss Grace Miller, formerly of this city, and a lady friend who assists her, will give a program that is sure to be entertaining. Miss Miller is a sweet singer and her many Decatur friends will be delighted that they will have this opportunity to hear her and too, in an entertainment with so interesting a subject as "An Evening with Tennyson."

H. S. Miller, of Union township, is spending a few days with friends at Bluffton.

Mr. Clinton P. Cole returned to Lancaster, Ohio, last evening after a day with Decatur friends. Mr. Cole formerly lived at Dunkirk, Indiana, and has a number of acquaintances here.

The funeral of Mrs. Jonas Gilbert was held Thursday morning at ten o'clock at the Pleasant Valley church, Rev. Jones officiating, he being ably assisted by Rev. Hollingsworth. A large crowd was present to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. Interment was made in the Ray cemetery.

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IT CLOSES TONIGHT

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Western Ohio Poultry Farm—Pullet 3.

Black Langshans.

C. D. F. Beiberick—Cockerel 2; hen 3, 4.

A. J. Harruff—Cockerel 1; hen 1, 2.

Single Comb Black Minorcas.

Western Ohio Poultry Farm—Cockerel 1; pullet 1.

Single Comb White Minorcas.

A. J. Harruff—Cockerel 1; hen 1; pullet 1.

Single Comb Buff Orpingtons.

D. Walmer—Cockerel 1; pullet 1, 2; hen 1.

Single Comb Black Orpingtons.

C. Oetting—Cockerel 1, 2; pullet 1, 2, 3.

Colored Dorkings.

W. J. Buffington—Cock 1; hen 1.

Single Comb White Leghorns.

D. E. Elcher—Cock 2; cockerel 1, 2; hen 1; pullet 1, 3, 4.

J. Logan—Cock 1.

W. Johnson—Pullet 2.

Rose Comb White Leghorns.

Chas. Ewell—Cock 1; hen 1, 2, 3, 4.

Single Comb Brown Leghorns.

W. Thornhill—Cock 3, 4; cockerel 2.

H. Steele—Cock 1; hen 1; pullet 4; cockerel 4.

S. Magley—Pullet 1, 2, 3; hen 2, 3, 4; cockerel 1, 3; cock 2.

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns.

C. E. Magley—Cock 2, 3; cockerel 1, 2, 3; hen 1, 2, 4; pullet 1, 2, 3.

Mrs. Christen—Cock 1; hen 3; pullet 4.

White Holland Turkeys.

H. O. Grove—Cock 1.

Mammoth Bronze Turkeys.

J. Lower—Cock 1.

C. Oetting—Cockerel 1.

Emden Geese.

C. Fleming—Cockerel 1; pullet 1, 2; hen 1.

Mrs. Christen—Hen 2; cockerel 2, 3, 4.

C. E. Magley—Cock 1; pullet 3, 4; hen 3, 4.

Toulouse Geese.

D. M. Rice & Son—Hen 1; cockerel 1; pullet 1.

H. C. Clark—Cock 1; hen 2, 3.

Pekin Ducks.

T. O. Baker—Cock 1, 4; cock 4.

D. M. Rice—Cock 2; pullet 1, 2, 3; hen 2, 4; cockerel 2, 3.

H. C. Clark—Cockerel 3; hen 3.

C. E. Magley—Cockerel 1; cock 3; hen 3.

The awarding of the loving cup which was offered by the Ralston Purina company for the fowl fed on Purina Poultry Food that scored the highest number of points was taken up this morning by Secretary Magley and Superintendent Grove and figured out the prize, going to D. Elcher, of Willshire, Ohio, whose fowl won by a quarter of a point on shape. The birds of D. Elcher and A. J. Harruff were tied according to the score cards and the association was forced to call in Judge Gault to settle the point as to who was the winner. The judge informed them to figure the cuts made on shape on the two fowls and award the prize accordingly. This was done the Willshire, O., man winning over the Portland, Ind., man by ¼ of a point. Ten birds were entered in this contest and all the scores were well in the nineties. Loyd Magley, an Adams county boy, won the fifty egg Keller incubator offered by that company for the largest entry. Mr. Magley was an easy winner in this event. The remainder of the special prizes will be announced Saturday.

In order to finish up the sales of a large consignment of choice Hocking coal, we will close it out while it lasts at the yard at \$3.25 per ton. Tricker and Merica.

Holthouse, Schulte & Co ARE SELLING

\$20.00 and \$18.50 suits at \$15.00

\$16.50 and \$15.00 suits at \$12.00

\$13.50 and \$12.50 suits at \$10.00

\$11.50 and \$10.00 suits at \$ 8.00

Remember we only have a limited number of these suits and they are going right merrily.

Better try one. It will pay you to look them over.

This sale continues through this month and the above prices are for cash only.

THEY CRITICISE HIM

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It is understood it will come from Mr. Taft himself.

Washington, January 10.—The situation in congress over currency legislation is complicated. It seems reasonably certain that the Aldrich bill will go through the senate, but not until after considerable debate. The minority seems disposed to support it, provided it is amended in a few particulars. So far, the only distinct objection made to it by the democrats is that it proposes to accept railroad bonds as security for circulation. The outlook for the bill in the house is not so reassuring.

Washington, January 10.—Vice-President Fairbanks, the next time he visits the white house will, on behalf of the Harrison monument commission, extend an invitation to President Roosevelt to deliver the address at the dedication of the Harrison statue in Indianapolis. The subject has already been presented to the president informally. It is likely that his duties here will prevent him from accepting the invitation.

BILL SHROCK HAD TO SETTLE

Sprung Chicken Joke at Minstrel and it Cost Him.

Those who attended the Elks minstrel show on January 1st, will remember that Will P. Schrock, one of the end men, told the chicken joke on P. J. Hyland. Yesterday Mrs. Hyland met Will and in a very serious tone of voice, demanded the chicken he had promised them. Will "squirmed" a little but Mrs. Hyland insisted and the well known clothier was forced to settle by purchasing a five pound "springer" which he presented with due compliments to the Hyland family. It is now rumored that at the next meeting of the Elk lodge Mr. J. D. Rieter will present a resolution to reimburse Mr. Schrock for the damages thus incurred from his first public appearance. Bill says he will select his jokes more carefully next year.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION FOR RENT—Two good dwelling houses. One on brick street, electric lights city water, etc. Snow agency.

FOR SALE—An Everett piano in good condition at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

THE PICTORIUM TONIGHT

Wrecking of Limited Express.

The Tenderfoot.

A Statutes Night Out.

The Dispatch Bearer.

Modern Painters.

SONG.

"Poor Old Girl."

J. B. STONEBURNER, Prop.

IN MEMORIAM

Of Bennie Houk, Who Departed this Life November 21, 1907.

'Neath winter's snow and summer's bloom

Our dear one sleeps within the tomb

And tho' we call, he answers not

Who rest here in this hallowed spot.

The friend we knew in youth's fair hours,

When every path was sweet with flowers,

The friend we loved and trusted well

Who heeded not the chapel bell.

Tho' long the years, to us so long,

To him but as a passing song

The while they wait, His voice to hear

Who bright with glory shall appear,

And bid them from God's acre rise,

To join His angels in the skies.

Then let us weep not; well we know

How soon we, too, shall slumber so;

And when we rise to world's unknown

Shall meet and greet him as our own.

REVIVAL AT EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

The revival meetings at the Evangelical church which began with this week continues evening by evening.

The average attendance is maintained though many are detained by sickness. The interest is good. You will be made welcome. Let all who can give their aid in the Lord's work.

First film—"Father Goes to Market"

"Laughing Gas."

Second film—"The Tipplers Race."

"Marie Antoinette."

ILLUSTRATED SONG.

"The Waltz Must Change to a March

Marie."

SCHMUCK & MILLER



\$2.45

Tomorrow is the last day of this sale of men's fine shoes at two forty five. See them in the south window.

Charlie Voglewede
The Shoe Seller.

REMEMBER

The 20 per cent reduction sale will continue at our store this month only. Do you realize that this means a saving for you of 20 cents on the dollar?

This is a STRAIGHT business proposition and we are selling just as we advertise. Remember 80 cents will buy just as much merchandise at our store during this MONTE as \$1 does at any store when you pay the regular prices. This 20 per cent off applies to Overcoats, suits, in broken lots, odd pants, suits and knee pants for boys and children, shirts, sweaters, fancy vests, woolen underwear, hats and caps. It will not cost you anything to investigate and compare goods and prices.

Teeple, Brandyberry & Peterson

"Cater to the Man Who Cares"

