

## A Wandering Thought

Is with the average man where can I go to get a cheap pair of felt boots or over-shoes just to go through the snow the remainder of this winter. This store is loaded with warm shoe bargains of all kinds.



## Tague Shoe Store

### WEATHER.

Partly cloudy tonight with snow flurries north portion; Tuesday fair.

Harry Fritsinger, of Fort Wayne, spent Sunday in our city.

Sam Acker and family, of Goshen, spent Sunday in our city the guest of his parents.

C. K. Bell returned to Fort Wayne this morning after spending Sunday with his family.

Charles Pilliod, of Piqua, O., is in our city visiting with Mrs. Mary Wemhoff and family.

Mrs. Sarah Blackburn and daughter Nellie are both on the sick list suffering with the grippe.

Squire Armantrout, of Geneva, was a business caller in our city today and has returned to his home.

Mr. Toby Cramer returned to Van Buren late last night after spending Sunday in this city with Miss Verna Smith.

Mrs. J. L. Gay and daughter Goldie left today for Goshen, where they will attend the funeral of Joseph Eckelbarger, an old friend.

The new time table on the Grand Rapids goes into effect tomorrow morning and those expecting to make a trip over this line would do well to look the change up and it may thus cause them some inconvenience.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice: Mrs. Rosa Martz, Mrs. Mollie A. Schurtz, Mrs. Maggie Buchanan, Mrs. Wm. Swing, Miss Bernice Andrews, B. Colvin, Edson, Barnhart, Levi Haver, F. Mont, Laughman, Burwill Watkins, Patrick Tuley and D. H. Miller.

The Adams County Detective Association will hold their next special meeting at Berne, Ind., on Thursday, Jan. 16. These special meetings should be well attended for the question of reorganization will be brought before the meeting. If you possibly can attend these special meetings and learn what the association is doing. Remember the date. James Hurst, Pres. J. F. Fruchte, Secy.

On and after January 15 the C. B. & C. railroad will run trains through to Huntington. The trains were run through to Huntington one day a couple of weeks ago, but owing to the condition of the tracks between Bluffton and Huntington, these trips were discontinued. The road is now in fine shape for the through trains to Huntington.—Portland Commercial-Review.

## A REPUTATION



This store has a reputation for supplying the best rubbers. That's the reason we sell so many.

THE BETTER THE  
GRADE  
THE BETTER THE  
TRADE

**Charlie Voglewede**  
The Shoe Seller.

H. S. Brown made a business trip to Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Eli Sprunger returned home from Berne, Ind.

Miss Goldie Gay and her mother, Mrs. G. L. Gay left last evening to attend a funeral at Goshen, Ind.

The funeral of Anthony Bubbs, who was killed last week by being struck by an interurban car was held this morning at ten o'clock at the Hesse-castle church. A large crowd was present to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. Interment was made in the Hessecastle cemetery.

### He Always Remembered.

A smile lurked at the corners of Mrs. Lombard's mouth as she listened to the plaint of the school friend whom she had not seen for more than ten years. "I'm afraid, dear," she said, "you'll have to reconstruct some of your plans. You see, I married a forgetful man too."

"Why, you told me not ten minutes ago that your husband had never yet forgotten your birthday or your wedding anniversary," cried her friend, "and you told me you'd been married nearly eleven years! That's ever since the year after father took us all abroad."

"Yes," said Mrs. Lombard demurely, "I have. That's a long time, isn't it? But, you see, one thing was in my favor—I was born on the Fourth of July. Mr. Lombard couldn't very well forget the national holiday. And as soon as I'd found out how forgetful he was I decided to be married on another holiday."

"I suppose as you were abroad you didn't realize that the date of my wedding was unusual—people aren't often married on the 22d of February, I think. But, you see, by a little judicious planning I've been saved the necessity of reminding him about our anniversary."—Youth's Companion.

### Sweetly Thoughtful.

The De Jones back lawn was a lawn in name only. It was really an arid desert—bald, so to speak—and in dry weather it was always as dusty as a motor track. To the astonishment of Mrs. De Smythe, who lived next door, she one day saw her devoted husband turning the garden hose upon the De Jones' lawn.

"Well, I never!" she exclaimed. "I'm sure I wouldn't trouble to lay the dust in the De Jones' back yard, John, especially as they are such a hateful lot of gossip. Small thanks you'll get for your trouble anyway."

Hubby turned to his better half with a smile which told of mixed pleasure and vindictiveness.

"That's all right, my dear. Their darling little Fido was washed snow white this morning. Now he's out there rolling about like a barrel and rubbing the mud well into his fleecy coat. Trust your husband, my sweet, for real, unadulterated thoughtfulness!"—London Scraps.

### Women and "Sport."

When a big shoot takes place in the coverts near one of our country houses the occasion is made a sort of society gathering. The ladies of the house party grace it with their presence, and other ladies of the neighborhood are glad to be allowed the honor of such company. Thus a large and fashionable party assembles, and while each beat is in progress the girls and women try to look on unmoved while a wounded hare kicks and squeals upon the ground for minutes which seem interminable to the sensitive onlooker until the beat is over and the dogs are loosed to finish off the cripples. And, though the hare's piteous shrieking makes its case seem the worst, the mere tumbling over and over of a wounded bird is a shocking sight to see as the time passes and no one goes forward to release it of its life.—London Mail.

### Dodging Thirteen.

"When I lived in New York," writes a former New Yorker from Berlin, "there was a house near Central park which should have borne the number 13, but because of the superstition of the occupant permission was secured to place the number 11a or 15a over the door. I spoke of the circumstance a few days ago and learned that the thirteen superstition was more clearly marked here. In the instance mentioned by me an individual was concerned. Here it was the most important corporation in Wiesbaden. There is no No. 13 bathroom in any of the bathhouses, no No. 13 room in any hotel and no No. 13 place at any table d'hôte. At Langenschwalbach the baths, under government control, also have bath cells No. 12a where they should be numbered 13."—New York Tribune.

### A Worthy Antagonist.

"Did you visit any of the old caves when you were up in Scotland?" Jorkins was asked by a friend.

"Yes," replied Jorkins reminiscently, "and, by gum, we had to forcibly pull Maria out of one cave."

"Good gracious! She was fascinated by its beauty, I suppose."

"No, it wasn't beauty. You see, there is a wonderful echo in the cave, and Maria couldn't bear to think of the echo having the last word."—Liverpool Mercury.

### A Possibility.

Old Nancy Doane was noted for the striking originality of some of her expressions. One day she was talking about the utter inanity of another old woman in the neighborhood, and she said:

"I never see her beat! She'll lop down in a cheer, an' there she'll set an' set an' set, doin' absolutely nothin' fer hours an' hours, day after day. 'Fon my soul, I sh'd think she'd milder'!"

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

Was Given Last Evening for  
Mrs. Thresa Schafer on  
High Street.

### OTHER SOCIAL NEWS

A Wedding Anniversary  
Dinner—Epworth League  
to Give a Social.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zeser of High street presented a delightful scene last evening as the many guests gathered in response to telephone calls to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Thresa Schafer. Seven small tables were arranged in the various rooms and progressive peanuts was the fascinating game for the evening. Miss Lizzie ortenbrer led the ladies in winning the highest score, while the gentlemen's prize was won by Harmon Gillig. The consolation prizes were awarded to Miss Angie Kintz and Mr. Roma Parent. The closing feature of the evening was a delicious luncheon served by the hostess to her guests who were: Misses Eva Ulman, of Postoria, Ohio; Elnora Lawrence, of Bascom, Ohio; Margaret Zeser, of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parent, Mrs. Peter Mongey, Mrs. Joe Rumschlag, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rumschlag, Mrs. Peter Zeser, Mrs. Cella Zeser, Mrs. Kate Zeser, Misses Vena Parent, Elize Kortember, Viola Ulman, Messrs Harmon Gillig, Ed Parent, Frank and Roma Parent, Lewis Kintz, Ed Zeser, Frank and William Zeser, Lew and Ed Rumschlag, Clem Heiderman.

The boys Holy Grail will meet at the M. E. church on Tuesday evening.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will give a social at the parsonage on January 20th. The program will consist of readings and talks along with music. The young people have always proven to be successful with these socials each year, and this year's social they are trying to make better than any previous one.

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Yesterday morning after high mass the St. Marys church elected the following new officers for the coming

year to serve for the church. They were: Treasurer, E. X. Ehinger; secretary, Harmon Yager; collectors, H. H. Bremerkamp, John D. Moran, Nicholas Miller; cemetery committee, Andrew Appelman, John Schurger, Jacob Martin; Orderman, Gug Ulman.

The afternoon club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. James Niblick on Tuesday afternoon.

A number of the neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. George Wemhoff gathered at their home last night and assisted them in celebrating their eleventh wedding anniversary. A general good time was enjoyed by all present and the occasion will long be remembered by the victims of the surprises.

A very prettily appointed six o'clock dinner of last evening was the one given by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Christen in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pilliod, of Piqua, Ohio. The dinner was nicely served in courses. The guests were Mrs. Barney Wemhoff and daughter Stella, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, Misses Nettie Smith, Lettie Lange, Messrs. Lee Hindeman, Albino Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith.

On Wednesday evening the K. of C. members will give a pedro party for the club and their lady friends.

A large party attended the "Squaw Man" at the Majestic Saturday evening. These were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Christen, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Meibers, Misses Edna Crawford, Nettie Smith, Louise Holbrook, Anna Martin, Mae Holthouse, Kate Mylott, Pansy Bell, Lucile Hale, Mrs. Fanny Cole, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Heller, H. W. Wilson, Herman Smith, Lee Hindman, Miss Bertha Deininger.

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## The Widow McCarty

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Special Scenery, Electrical Effects

Their Own Orchestra

Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money Refunded,

Prices, 25, 35, 50 Cts. Seats at usual place

## Our January Sale

Will be a money saver for you. We will have extra good bargains for you in Dress goods, Underwear, Knit Goods, ready-made wrappers, Dressing sacques Embroidery, Laces, etc.

We will offer you laces and embroideries that if you can use them you can't help but buy them.

Remember the big cost sale on China and Cut Glass—They must be sold.

## True & Runyon

## Rubber Boots

We have the best Rubber Boots that have been sold in the city of Decatur for a long time.

Come in and see them and let us tell you how we get them.

**J. H. Voglewede & Son**  
OPP. Court House.

## NOTICE

It has become necessary for us to transfer our local representative, Mr. L. F. Alexander, to our Warsaw branch temporarily. However, Mr Alexander is permanently located at Decatur and parties being desirous of purchasing good standard made pianos at factory prices can leave word at Mr. Alexander's residence, 114 S. Third St., and he will give same prompt attention.

**The Packard Music House**  
North side of the Decatur Public Library  
Decatur Ind