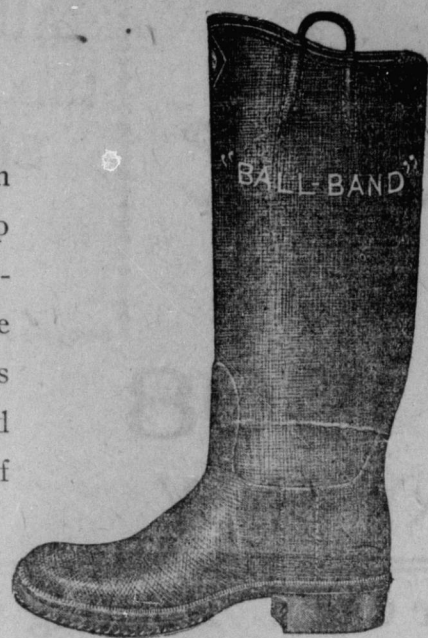


A Wandering Thought

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.

Fair tonight and probably Wednesday; rising temperature.

Mrs. H. L. Conter is on the sick list. Charles Adlesperger arrived today from Cleveland, Ohio, and is the guest of his mother.

George Brewster returned to Berne last evening. While here he was attending the republican convention.

Work is going merrily along on the construction of the pipe line between Geneva and the new gas territory.

F. E. France returned Monday evening from Huntington, where he spent Sunday with his brother, J. Fred France.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lower, of north of the city are both confined to their home on account of attacks of lagrippe.

William Kortner returned to Grand Rapids to commence his spring term in the college which he is attending this year.

Fred Schafer, the well known hardware dealer, is suffering from an old fashioned attack of that meanest of all ailments, the grip.

The Whirlwind company in which Charles "Jinks" France shines as one of the comedians, will appear at the Majestic at Fort Wayne this evening.

A number of the Fort Wayne order of Eagles arrived this morning to attend the funeral of A. C. Gregory, who was a charter member of that order.

Miss Fanny Hite is again able to resume her duties at the Old Adams County Bank, after an illness of several days' duration, suffering with an attack of the lagrippe.

D. E. Studabaker is making all preparations to move from his present quarters to the old homestead, and by the middle of next week fully expects to be snugly quartered in his new home.

A few more days of the present cold snap and the ice men will commence to get busy and reap their annual ice harvest. The ice man has been patiently waiting and it would now seem as though he was about to have his inning.

Mr. Edward Schutt, of Akron, Ohio, the president and general manager of the Factory Oil company, is in the city, the guest of Mr. Philip Groff, of Akron, Ohio, who has been in this city for the past two weeks transacting business for the said company.

Abe Stendler, of south Eleventh street, is seriously ill.

Louis Holthouse is slowly recovering from a siege of lagrippe.

Fred Bell is again confined to his home on account of sickness.

Mrs. Stittler, of Eleventh street, is suffering from a serious illness.

George Lew came from Fort Wayne this morning. He left at noon for Markle.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bohne and baby is visiting at Fort Wayne, Ind., this week.

The condition of Clyde Nichols who is very low from lung trouble, is about the same.

Fred Lew, of Fort Wayne, arrived this morning to leave on the noon train for Markle, Ind.

Miss Clara Long, clerk at Niblick & Co.'s store, is suffering from grippe and is unable to be on duty.

Fred Linn received a telegram from Fremont, Ohio, yesterday morning conveying the sad news that his cousin, Frank Lease of that place died some time Sunday. Mr. Linn left on the first train for Fremont to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finley, of Kendallville, came near death by asphyxiation from gas which escaped from a coal stove. Mrs. Finley was aroused in some manner only to find her husband unconscious and it was some time before he could be aroused.

D. W. Hoffman, of near Friedheim has suffered for nearly a year past from a very sore toe. The pain became so severe that it became necessary to amputate the toe, which was done a few days ago by Dr. J. C. Grandstaff, of Preble. Mr Hoffman is recovering.

Tom Peterson and Will Berling last evening engaged in a pretty little bowling contest of five games at the Klondyke alleys, the latter winning the series with a total of 98 pins. Berling was in excellent form, as he averaged 185 for the five games. Peterson was not up to his usual form owing to the act that he but recently recovered from a sick spell.

The last piece of machinery of the Sheboygan plant of the King piano factory was loaded on cars there Saturday and several departments of the factory are now on the way to Bluffton. Upon their arrival the factory here will be complete and within a few weeks will be in full operation. The expert workmen will not come until all the departments are ready to start.—Bluffton Banner.

Otto Bremerkamp is a Fort Wayne business caller.

Red Knoff, of Chicago, is in the city greeting his old friends.

Charles Phillips is attending to business at Fort Wayne today.

W. H. Fledderjohann is home from a business trip at Fort Wayne.

Charles Magley left today for St. Marys, O., where he will attend the poultry show.

The condition of Eli Presdorf, who has been suffering from bowel trouble is about the same.

Grandma Nichols of the west part of the city, is seriously ill from a complication of diseases and old age.

Frank Harmon, of Eighth street, has sold his property to C. E. Baughman, who will take possession April first.

Mrs. Rev. Bauer, of Eleventh street, is quite ill from pleurisy. Her daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Chicago, is her guest.

Otto Green resumed his work at the Boston store this morning after being detained from same on account of sickness.

Ralph Knoff, of Chicago, is in our city visiting with friends and relatives. He expects to remain in Decatur for several days.

A scissor grinder of the old style was in our city today picking up a few loose nickels and dimes from various citizens who had work in his line.

Justin Olcott, of Portland, was in the city today visiting with his relatives. He has been attending to insurance matters in Kansas for some time.

John Lachot resumed his duties at the treasurer's office this morning after being confined to his home for several days from the effect of an attack of the lagrippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart France have leased the new dwelling house of Mrs. Al Burd for one year. The house is situated on Mercer avenue and is a modern house in every respect. They took possession of it Saturday.

W. S. Smith went to Fort Wayne Saturday evening to meet his wife and mother and brought them to Decatur, where they expect to board with Mrs. Rebecca Steele on corner of Fifth and Marshall streets for the winter.

John Frisinger and a number of other Adams county republicans left this morning for Winchester, where they will attend the republican district convention and select a district chairman. The meeting promises to be an interesting one.

The new business room at the Morrison block that will soon be occupied by the Wells Fargo express company is fast nearing completion and is going to make an excellent place for that company. The room is large and well lighted and will afford them nice connections with the interurban line.

The hard coal famine that Decatur suffered for several weeks has been relieved to a very great extent as the various dealers in coal are now receiving their shipments regular and are in a position to fill all back orders. The cause of this delay was brought about owing to the scarcity of cars.

This is the busy season for the doctors and day and night they are constantly kept on the go answering calls from every section of the county. Lagrippe is the prevailing ailment and this year seems more effective than ever before. From all appearances the disease is contagious and spreads rapidly.

Many seats at the various public school buildings are at the present time vacant owing to the fact that so many of the scholars are sick with the lagrippe. Numerous cases are reported and it seems as though the disease was contagious. This will take down the daily attendance average to a very noticeable degree.

From all present indications Decatur will not be in the proposed I. O. league owing to the fact that those who love the sport do not seem to want to make any move toward an organization. The sport has been expensive in Decatur during the past two years and in all probability the only team Decatur will sport will be an independent one.

Decatur hunters could be seen this morning going out in every direction for the purpose of tracking down and killing a few rabbit. The recent heavy snow has made hunting an excellent sport and the various lovers of that sport in our city are taking advantage of the same and as a consequence poor bunny will be compelled to suffer.

The bowling tournament which was scheduled to have taken place this week at Fort Wayne, has been postponed until in March. The local members of the team who expected to attend are a little disappointed, but still say they will attend the event and with this additional time for practice will have a much better chance to come home with a portion of the prize money.

J. M. Rice is a business caller at Albion, Ind.

Andrew Schroeder left for Stop 17 this afternoon.

B. H. Right left for a business trip to Goshen, Ind.

O. N. Snellen left on his regular business trip this noon.

C. H. Michael, of Jay county, left at noon for Willshire, Ohio.

Frank Martz is on a business trip to Pleasant Mills this afternoon.

Edward Pelz, of Fort Wayne, was a business caller to our city today.

Henry Zwick, of Williams, was a business caller to our city today.

W. M. Shady, of Magley, was a business caller in our city today.

Ralph Knoff, of Chicago, has arrived in the city for a visit with friends.

P. W. Smith came to the city today to look after banking business.

James E. Captian, of Bluffton, was a business caller to our city today.

Dr. Vizard, of Pleasant Mills, was a professional caller to our city today.

Mrs. Clara Mumma and children arrived home from Bluffton at noon.

A. C. Roop and son Harold are visiting his parents at Pleasant Mills.

S. A. M. Butcher, of Geneva, was attending to legal matters in our city today.

Mrs. D. R. Macgregal and daughter of Marion, Ind., came to Decatur at noon.

C. G. Peck, of Portland, arrived in the city from Marion, Ind., on his way home.

B. McMillen, of Fort Wayne, passed through the city to Pleasant Mills this noon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Mills arrived home from Craigville, Ind., where they were visiting Mrs. Mill's parents.

Bub Mischaud, of Berne, transacted business in our city this morning and returned to his home this afternoon.

Harlow Agle and wife, of Berne, were callers in our city today and returned to their home this afternoon.

The Widow McCarty company arrived today from Van Wert and will show this evening at the Bosse Opera house.

Elmer Johnson is busily engaged in purchasing a car of horses to ship to Pittsburg, where he will conduct a special sale.

G. C. Morrison, the Clover Leaf agent, of Ohio City, was in our city seeing his friends between trains to Fort Wayne.

William Kable, of Celina, Ohio, was in the city this noon. Before leaving for his home he will stop at Willshire on business.

Lewis Kline, trustee of Preble township, left for Indianapolis today to attend the trustee's association which will be held the 14th and 15th.

R. M. Shere, wife and daughter of El Paso, Texas, are visiting his parents at Monroeville, having arrived Monday evening over the Clover Leaf railroad.

W. H. Teeple, trustee of St. Marys township, left for Indianapolis this afternoon to attend the trustee's association, which will be held tomorrow and Thursday at the state house.

Frank Runyon, of Bluffton, is making an effort to be elected president of the I. O. league and we hope that he succeeds. Frank is a hustler and is just the kind of a man to hold Jesus of Richmond, down to his normal condition.

A number of Decatur theater goers will go to Fort Wayne this evening to see "Jinks" France play the leading role in the "Whirlwind" a musical comedy. It is said that Mr. France is making a decided hit in the part he is playing and his many friends in Decatur expect to tender him a royal reception.

Charles Magley today shipped several crates of chickens to St. Marys, Ohio, where he will exhibit them this week at a fancy poultry and pet stock show. Mr. Magley won numerous prizes with his birds at the local show and is confident that he will meet with success at this event. Several other Decatur poultry raisers will have their birds on display at this show.

James O. Ball, of Lagrange, is in our city visiting with friends and relatives. Mr. Ball was formerly engaged in the furniture business and only recently moved to Lagrange, where he is now operating a five and ten cent store. Mr. Ball is more than pleased with the way business has opened up and is firmly convinced that there is no place like Lagrange. He will remain in Decatur for three or four days.

Philip Schug was taken suddenly ill about 11 o'clock Friday night and for several hours his life seemed to hang in the balance. Two doctors were with him most of the night and succeeded in relieving him in a measure. The trouble was caused from an obstruction in the intestines. He will be confined to his bed for a few days at the best. Mrs. Schug was confined to her bed also Saturday and Sunday.—Berne Witness.

IN A SOCIAL WAY

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Stoneburner and Bertha Briban, of Duton, Mich. Messrs. Will Wible, Earl Steele, Henry Schlickman, James Mankey, Melvin Tucker, Lewis Yake, Floyd Stoneburner, Edward Borne, Jenison Tucker, Will Yake, Harvey Mankey, Irvin Barger, Henry Yake, Forest Mankey, Albert Borne, Oscar Stewart, Rudolph Borne. At a late hour their guests departed for their homes wishing John many more happy birthdays.

The Eagles will hold a social session on Friday evening at their hall. The program will be of music and readings, after which the guests will dance. Any one will be welcome, who wishes to spend a delightful evening as their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parent pleasantly entertained a few neighbors last evening at a small impromptu gathering at their home on Mercer avenue.

The Shakespeare club will hold this week's meeting at the home of Mrs. John Tyndall, of Monroe street, on Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday will be a great day for the K. of P. lodge members. They will leave for Bluffton by the way of Fort Wayne. Every member is expecting to go.

Mrs. Kate Wilhelm, of Ligonier, Ind., will be the complimentary guest at a six o'clock dinner this evening, given by Mrs. James Bain at her home on Monroe street.

The Y. M. H. D. club will be entertained by Miss Anna Miller on Thursday evening.

Mrs. W. E. Fulk will be hostess at the meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the German Reformed church on Wednesday afternoon.

The West End Needle club will meet on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mike Murcahey.

THE DISTRIBUTION

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tuition \$3,003.02, special school \$1,98, total \$9,225.24.

Geneva, common \$544.68, liquor license \$51.98, tuition \$903.67, special school \$881.03, total \$2,381.36.

Berne, common \$544.68, liquor license \$51.98, tuition \$1,221.72, special school \$566.34, total \$2,384.72.

Grand total, children 7,526, congressional fund, \$371.31, common \$11,138.48, liquor licenses \$1,100, special building \$855.66, township tax \$6,304.90, tuition \$10,578.20, special school \$16,139.96, road \$142.77, poor \$776.49, bridge \$113.66, library \$600.83. Total \$48,122.26.

MYSTERIOUS LADY

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her identity. They examined the shoe tracks in the snow and say that the imprints made were those of a woman's shoe, thereby relieving all doubt as to the sex. The boys were enroute home when they saw the woman and as the moon was out in full bloom they experienced no trouble in seeing her plainly. Thus has the famous lady in black been seen again and her identity is still unknown. Won't some one please find out who and what the woman in black is and what her object is in strolling around at late hours. This would certainly be a relief to the community.

A BIG HORSE SALE

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buyers at the Decatur sale and farmers or others wishing to dispose of horses should enter them at this sale. The proprietors are arranging for 200 head of excellent horses of every kind and if you want a driver, worker, or any other kind you will have a chance. Last year this firm did nearly a million dollar business and the fact that they have decided to open the sale season is good news. If this sale is successful the firm will hold similar ones regularly throughout the season.

S. Reed left for Poe for the evening.

S. Avalene is a business caller at Fort Wayne.

W. Kelley returned to his home at Monroeville today.

John Wilhelm returned to his home at Poe this evening.

Ed Lyons left today on a business trip to Winchester, Ind.

F. Fruchte and J. B. Fordyce are business callers near Monmouth.

The Bosse Opera House Thursday, January 14

Ben Craner Presents

The Widow McCarty

Bright Funny, Sparkling with Music

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

LODGES ATTEND

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today, when the G. A. R. will hold their services and convey the casket to the grave. These last services will be attended only by the members of the G. A. R. and the family. A letter from W. R. Hodges, under whose captaincy the deceased served in the war gives facts about his makeup that are indeed interesting and in part it reads as follows: I appointed him a sergeant at the outset, and as a vacancy occurred he became first sergeant, and then lieutenant. He was always prompt and willing and I became much attached to him. As first sergeant he would call the roll of the company from memory, and I can see him now as clearly as though it was yesterday.

John B. Stoneburner desires in this manner to announce to the public that from this time on he will present two new shows every evening. This is something new in the show line and should be appreciated by the citizens of Decatur. Mr. Stoneburner is a hustler and is deserving of your patronage.

THE CRYSTAL THEATRE

OPEN TONIGHT MOTION PICTURES.

First film—"The Witches Kiss."
"Fashionable Paris."

Second film—"The Red Spectre."
"Just as the Tide Went Out."

ILLUSTRATED SONG.

"Just as the Tide Went Out."

SCHMUCK & MILLER

THE PICTORIUM TONIGHT

Gaina.

Electric Belt.

Exciting Ride.

"Montana."

SONG.

"Sacramento."

J. B. STONEBURNER, Prop.

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

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

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