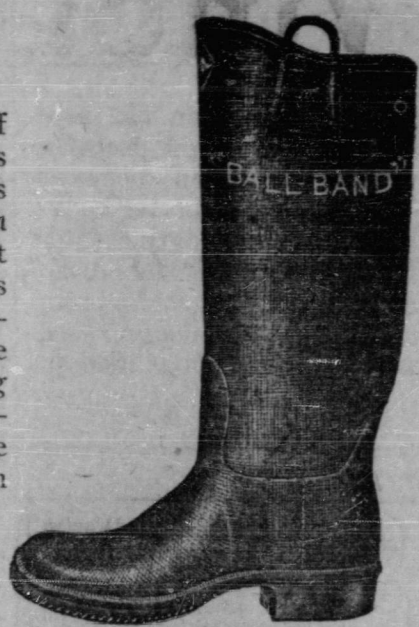


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It's False economy to put off buying shoes until there is nothing left of the old ones except the eyelet holes. You can't afford to have wet feet and take the risk of bad colds and the other ills that accompany cold weather. We have your size in shoes of sterling quality. Just right for winter wear at whatever price you want to pay. Come in today.



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WEATHER.

Partly cloudy with snow flurries to night and Thursday; cold; ave high northwest winds.

John A. Smith is on the sick list suffering from an attack of lagrippe.

F. G. Shinner is a Fort Wayne business caller today.

H. F. Shinner left for a business trip to Fort Wayne this morning.

Ed Vancil went to Berne this morning on his regular business trip.

Miss Velma Schroll went to Berne this morning on business.

Jeff Klopstein, of Preble, was a business caller to our city last evening.

Orlie Rule returned to Middletown after spending the day shopping in the city.

M. T. Bennett, of Portland, passed through the city to Fort Wayne this morning.

Barney Kalver returned last evening from Chicago, where he was visiting with friends.

Homer Rule, of Middletown, was in the city last evening after spending the day with friends.

Arrangements are being made for the big horse sale to be held this month by Beery & Boch.

R. K. Erwin left this morning on a business trip to Shelbyville and Richmond and Rushville, Indiana.

Several parties from Willshire were in our city last evening attending the show at the Bosse opera house.

C. N. Whitman, of Portland, was a caller in Decatur between trains. He left for Fort Wayne this morning.

Many people in Decatur are suffering from lagrippe at present and there are several serious cases in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McClung, of Fort Wayne, came to the city this morning to remain for a short time with friends.

The K. of P.'s are anticipating a good time at Bluffton at the district meeting and from present indications a large delegation from this city will attend.

The damage that was done at the Decatur Produce company's building caused by a wall collapsing, has been completely remodeled and everything is in running order again.

Mrs. Isadore Kalver and children returned last evening from Chicago, where they were visiting with relatives. Roy, the little son, who broke his arm, recently, is recovering nicely.

Nolan King returned this morning from a business trip to Fort Wayne.

Dan Roop attended the show at the Majestic last evening.

Emil Franz, of Berne, was attending to legal matters in our city today.

Robert Gregory went to Fort Wayne this morning on a special business trip.

Mrs. H. E. Keller and Mrs. Herman Tettman left this morning for Fort Wayne to spend the day with friends.

J. H. Daniels is suffering with the lagrippe for the past week. He is confined in bed at his home at Preble.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slagle, of Marion, Ohio, came to the city today to remain as guests of friends for several days.

Mrs. Jas. L. Gay and daughter Goldie left last evening for Goshen, where they will attend the funeral of a friend.

Dr. Vizard returned to his home at Pleasant Mills last evening. While here he was attending to professional matters.

W. A. Lower returned last evening from Winchester, where he was attending the district republican convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Landis, of Elzey, Ill., are the guests of Mrs. Joshua Bright, of Pleasant Mills for a few days.

The change in the Grand Rapids and Indiana time table went into effect this morning. Those traveling this route should look up a time table as some of the changes made are very noticeable.

Earl Brokaw, of Toledo, who formerly lived in this city working at the Erie depot, was married at Toledo a few days ago. This will be a surprise to his many friends, who all congratulate him and wish him happiness.

The members of the Eagles lodge from Fort Wayne were here Tuesday attending the funeral of A. C. Gregory, returned on the car last evening. Mr. Gregory was a charter member of this order.

The members of the Scottish Rite Masons, of Fort Wayne, who attended the funeral of their brother, A. C. Gregory, returned last evening to their home. About twenty members of this secret order were in attendance.

G. W. Shelton will leave Friday morning for Akron, Ohio, to attend the high school commencement exercises. His son will graduate that evening with very high honors. He will return home during the latter part of this week.

Frank Auran made a business trip to Bluffton this morning.

M. E. Brackett went to Marion today to look after business affairs.

Fred Schafer is improving after a several days' seige of the grip.

A. W. Hawk left today for his home at Fulton, after making a visit in the city.

Mrs. C. E. Barker, of Fort Wayne, arrived this morning to attend to business.

Charles Phillips went to Bluffton this morning to work in the interest of the Chicago Art company.

Mrs. A. W. Hawk went to Rockford, Ohio, today for a visit before returning to her home at Fulton, Ind.

A real cold snap, the first of the winter, is promised us for tomorrow, and the ice men say "let 'er come." Rev. W. H. Daniel, who has been ill for several weeks is holding his own, in fact has shown considerable signs of improvement during the past day or two.

The Eagles will hold a dance Friday evening at their spacious club rooms to which the public in general is invited to attend. This lodge has a reputation of being royal entertainers and those who attend will no doubt enjoy themselves to the limit.

The local doctors are at the present time being kept on the jump day and night, waiting upon their respective patients. Much sickness now prevails and as is customary the doctors are generally wanted two or three places at the same time. Lagrippe seems to be the prevailing complaint.

Mrs. H. H. Deam entertained at her home on south Main street last evening in honor of Miss Helen Deam's thirteenth birthday. Those present were Misses Helen Runyan, Marie Swisher, Pauline Levenson, Hermina Ashbacher, Ruth McBride, Irene Cook and Alma May Saunders.—Bluffton Banner.

A boy went to a Decatur store for change for a dollar. He told the grocer that he wanted the change in pennies, nickles and dimes and that he wanted exactly fifty pieces of money. The grocer gave him the change in pennies, nickles and dimes and gave him fifty pieces. How many pennies and how many nickles and dimes were there?

J. Leonard, representing one of the largest tobacco houses in the country was in the city last evening. Mr. Leonard is a crack billiard player, and while here entertained a number of the boys at the DeWitt smoke house. Mr. Leonard is very modest about his ability and while playing is very seldom heard to say much. He left on the late car for Fort Wayne, where he will call on his trade.

The Decatur theater goes who attended the production of the "Whirlwind" at the Majestic theater at Fort Wayne last evening in which production "Jinks" France plays the leading role, were more than pleased with what they saw and say that Mr. France is the right man in the right place. He played his part to perfection and received his share of the applause from the audience.

Carl Fausnot, who was arrested some time ago on a charge of public intoxication was picked up again last night by the police and lodged in jail, and as a result this morning was too sick and weak to appear before the mayor. Fausnot hails from Berne, and it seems as though every time he comes to Decatur he takes on too large a package to handle. He will be arraigned tomorrow morning and will undoubtedly plead guilty.

The special attraction that John Stoneburner is presenting at the Pictorial in the way of advertising and putting on two new shows every evening is proving an attraction that is drawing the people and last evening upon five occasions his play house was packed. An entire change of program will be presented this evening that will be equally as good as the one last evening. This is the best ever and it is up to the public to appreciate the same.

A little Decatur boy who was sauntering about the uptown streets last night, became frightened and ran home to his mamma. His mother inquired what he was excited about and he replied he saw the woman in black. Upon asking him where he saw the mysterious feminine the little fellow said he saw her coming out of a drug store with a man. It is not safe to wear your dark colored dresses, ladies lest some one mistake you for the much talked of woman.

A fair sized crowd saw the production of the "Widow McCarty" last evening at the Bosse opera house, and those who attended were somewhat disappointed in what they saw, as the performance was not up to the standard. Some of the features were very good, while others were very rotten. The work of Fred Jenks as Muldoon, was excellent, and he was roundly applauded by the audience. The scenic effects were very neat and attractive and some of the solos and choruses were well received. The next attraction is the big vaudeville.

Miss Emma Dodane is visiting at Hessecastle.

Mrs. S. C. Edington is the guest of friends at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. C. L. Miller is a business caller at Pleasant Mills today.

Mrs. A. M. Fuller returned to Pleasant Mills this evening.

Frank Strickler returned to his home at Willshire this noon.

Fred Scolder left for a business trip to Fort Wayne at noon.

Miss Ella Edington is visiting friends at Fort Wayne this week.

Mrs. Lee Custer and baby returned to Fort Wayne this afternoon.

The Widow McCarty company left for Defiance, Ohio, to play this evening.

Oscar Lankenau left at noon to spend a few days with friends at Lima, Ohio.

Mrs. Mary L. Miller, of Ohio, arrived to visit with E. Lord and family for a few days.

Mrs. A. W. Hawk and baby of Berne passed through the city to Rockford, Ind., to visit.

Mrs. N. A. Cotter and baby, of Schumm, arrived in the city this morning to visit at Stop 24.

Mrs. J. B. McFarland returned to her home at Marion today after making a visit here with relatives.

W. H. Fledderjohann made a business trip to St. Marys, Ohio, this morning in the interest of the interurban line.

N. U. Selbert, the general agent over the M. Q. T. of Toledo, Ohio, was in the city this morning. He returned home at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jump, of Fort Wayne were the guests of J. S. Bowers and family yesterday and have returned to their home.

Mrs. D. P. Myers returned to her home at Bluffton today after enjoying a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson.

Mrs. Samuel Warren arrived from Richmond, Ind., to visit with her son J. Helm and family before returning to her home at Warsaw.

Mrs. J. R. Gates, of Tipton, Indiana, who has been the guest of George Tricker and family for some time, returned to her home today.

Mrs. M. Berker returned to her home at Marion this morning after enjoying a visit in the city with her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Steele.

While visiting friends in Bluffton, Ralph H. Mason, an aged resident of Rockcreek township, Wells county, died Sunday from congestion of the lungs.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dougherty, of Big Rapids, Mich., Mrs. John Roubush left this afternoon for Hoagland to visit with Mrs. Frank Brown and friends.

Miss Hulda Loser of Decatur passed through this city Tuesday morning enroute to Pennville on account of the illness of her stepmother, Mrs. Jacob Loser.—Portland Commercial-Review.

A representative of the Majestic theater of Fort Wayne was in our city distributing advertising matter for "The Time, the Place and the Girl" that shows at that place in the near future. This is a popular play and many Decatur people will no doubt attend.

From all appearances it would seem as though the local members of the Knights of Pythias lodge would make the trip to Bluffton Thursday to attend the district meeting in elaborate style. All arrangements have been completed for the car and the decorating committee will in the morning take charge and decorate same in an elaborate manner. A large crowd will attend from this city and surrounding towns.

Dell Locke this morning received a message informing him of the death of a child of his brother Rev. Richard Locke, at Bryan, Ohio. The home of his brother is in Buffalo, but he and his family were visiting in Bryan when the child was stricken with the fatal illness. The blow of the child's death comes doubly severe upon Rev. Locke and wife for the reason that this was the second child they lost inside of six years. They had only two children and the death of both of them within such a short time is a very hard blow. Rev. Locke and family have visited here and they have many friends in Bluffton. Dell Locke left at noon for Bryan.—Bluffton News.

Toward the latter part of last week at the home of Otto Parks at 15 Iowa street, a case of smallpox was reported to the health officers, who immediately took the case in hand and now have the home quarantined. Mrs. Parks and the seven-year-old daughter are down with the dreaded disease which is reported genuine in this case. It is believed that the disease was taken while on their vacation during the Christmas holidays, which were spent in the home of their grandfather in Polk township. The grandfather had had a severe attack of smallpox last year.—Huntington Democrat.

REBEKAH OFFICERS

(Continued from page 1.)

Willie Meyers, Harold Crawford, Peter and Joe Hess.

With the home very prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns and potted flowers the miscellaneous shower given by Mesdames Kate Place and Chas. True Tuesday afternoon in compliment to Miss Kittie Christen at the home of the former, was a delightful affair. The main amusement was the poem contest, each lady being handed a sheet of paper with a pencil and they were to compose a poem which would be appropriate for the occasion. Miss Jessie McLean proved to be the best poetess. Then Miss Christen opened her many packages, and an elegant two course luncheon was cleverly served by the hostesses. The ladies who were guests were: Mesdames Wilson Lee, Fred Heuer, Paul Baumgartner, Fred Linn, C. A. Dugan, C. J. Lutz, Eli Meyers, Chas Niblick, J. C. Patterson, W. A. Lower, T. M. Reid, Fred Mills, Fred Tague, Frank Gast, Misses Ada Springer, Laura Alban, Jessie McLean, Sophia Heuer.

Two sled loads of young people left the city last evening for the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Klintz to spend the evening. Unknown to them that the guests were coming it was rather a surprise party, yet they soon overcame the shock and royally entertained all by games and music, after which a luncheon was served. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gunsett and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gillig, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parent and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith Jr. and family, Mrs. Thresa Schafer, Miss Elnora Lawrence, of Tipton, Ohio; Mrs. Mandy Carrier, Messrs Ed Zeser, Frank Zeser, Willie Zeser, Ed Parent, Joe Palmer.

Mrs. E. X. Ehinger was hostess at a small theater party last evening at the Pictorial. Afterwards the same guests were taken to the home of Mrs. C. Radamacher and served a dainty luncheon, Mrs. Radamacher acting as hostess. The ladies who were so royally entertained by the two hostesses were: Mesdames U. Deininger, Wm. Niblick and P. Hyland, Henry Schulte.

A few girl friends were entertained this afternoon at a small informal luncheon given by Mrs. Dan Vail at her home. Games and music occupied the few pleasant hours. The luncheon was beautifully served in three courses. The guests were: Misses Madge Hite, Zoa Miller, Frances Merymann, Mary Hite, Ethel Barkley, Frances Bryson, Kittie Smith, Mrs. Chas. Locke.

A party of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bultemeier on R. R. No. 1 Sunday evening given in honor of Miss Freida Bultemeier, of Freidheim. The amusement for the evening was music and games. At a late hour a four course luncheon was served in the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with American Beauty roses and carnations. The guests were: Misses Martha Bultemeier, Eda Bultemeier, Anna Scheiman, Anna Bultemeier, Kate Droege, Emma Heckman, Louise Bultemeier, Messrs. Charles Mailand, Herman Bultemeier, Martin Heckman, Lawrence Heckman, Henock Heckman, Theodore Mailand, Otto Scheiman, W. H. Droege, Henry Droege.

A twelve o'clock dinner which was very charming in its appointments was the one given by Mrs. John B. Melbers at her home this noon. Cut flowers and ferns were used to make the home more attractive, for the guests, who were: Mr. and Mrs. James Niblick, Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Niblick, Mrs. James Archbold and daughter Jennie, Mrs. Tom Kern and daughter, Mrs. Jesse Swartz and daughter, Mrs. Geo. Zimmerman, Miss Florence McMillen of Ossian, Ind.; Mrs. O. N. Snellen, Mrs. Gilbert Jack.

Mrs. John B. Melbers of north Fifth street was hostess at a progressive pedro party last evening. The home was decorated very lovely with cut flowers and ferns. The first prize was won by Mrs. Alphonse Kohne and Mrs. Ben Knappe won second. The guests of the evening were: Mrs. B. J. Terveer, Miss Mayne Terveer, Miss Anna Volmer, Mrs. Josephine Rodd, of Toledo; Mrs. Ben Knappe, Mrs. Alphonse Kohne, Mrs. J. Bremerkamp, Mrs. O. N. Snellen, Mrs. Gilbert Jack.

The guests who were so charmingly entertained by Mrs. James Bain last evening at delicious six o'clock dinner in honor of Mrs. Kate Wilhelm, of Ligonier, Ind., and also in honor of the twenty-third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Al Burdg, were: Mesdames Carrie Sutherland, Kate Burdg, Bell France, Olive Thomas and daughter Portia, Chas. Helm, Rena Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Al Burdg.

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German Humor.

The tendency of the German comic papers to employ continuously the same characters as "producers of mirth" is the subject of an article in a Berlin paper by Ludwig Baner. The writer mentions as the most conspicuous of the funny figures the absent-minded professor whose habitual umbrella losing proclivities have made generations laugh. This figure had its origin at a time, he says, when the man of letters was a helpless person in the active world—a dreamer dwelling in realms away from the actual and therefore blind to his surroundings. In this form he has been represented in the comic papers. But Germany, he thinks, not the professor, has been and is being caricatured. The professor today must be a wide awake man, for science is no longer an island. These are not the days for sleep and for dreams. Another abused character is the lieutenant who, having no foe to fight, is always shown as making conquests where Amor has command. The old maid is another of the stock figures, and one of equal importance is Mr. Newlyrich. Of the latter it is said: "He is always full of fear and suspicion. He knows that he has been misplaced, and he sways from side to side like a timid rope walker. This makes him really funny, and we must laugh at his antics."

Too Slow to Be a Soldier.

In a room on the top floor of a large factory a boy was amusing himself by going through the bayonet exercise with a long handled brush in lieu of a rifle. His boss, coming quickly upon him, gave him a box on the ear for wasting his time. The sudden blow caused the lad to lose his balance and fall down the hoist shaft, but fortunately he kept his hold on the brush, the handle of which, getting across the shaft, broke his fall and enabled him to grasp the chain, down which he slid in safety. The boss was horrified at the effect of his action and rushed breathless and gasping with fear down the eight flights of stairs to the basement, expecting to find a mangled body for which he would have to account. He was, however, just in time to see the lad drop on his feet unharmed, so, recovering his self possession and his breath, he exclaimed: "Want to be a soldier, eh? Well, you're too slow for that. Why, man, I can walk down all those stairs quicker than you can fall down the hoist shaft."—London Answers.

Self Composed.

She—He is a person of perfect ease and possession and is thoroughly at home anywhere. He—Yes, he even has the faculty of making you feel a total stranger in your own house.—London Tit-Bits.

Fear and Danger.

Nervous Old Lady (to deck hand on steamboat)—Mr. Steamboatman, is there any fear of danger? Deck Hand (carelessly)—Plenty of fear, ma'am, but not a bit of danger.

Little girls believe in the man in the moon, big girls in the man in the bonny moon.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Decatur Cement Roof and Block Company, Decatur, Ind., January 9, 1908.

Capital stock authorized....\$10,000.00
Amount Capital
Stock Subscribed...\$5,700.00
Amount Capital
Stock Paid in.... 5,700.00
Amount Capital
Stock Unsubscribed 4,300.00 10,000.00

Assets.
Building, Mch. and
Attachments4,300.00
Stock on hand.... 2,093.50
Bills collectible.... 2,500.44
Cash on hands ... 190.04 \$ 9,083.98

Liabilities.
Bills payable\$2,472.34
Capital stock paid in 5,700.00
Undivided surplus ... 911.64 \$ 9,083.98
Attest:—John Everett, Pres.; M. Kirsch, Secy.; H. Hite, Director; Hugh D. Hite, director; M. Kirsch, director. Dated at Decatur, Indiana, this 9th day of January, 1908.

State of Indiana, County of Adams, ss: We, the undersigned, upon our oath swear that the above and foregoing statement of the condition of the Decatur Cement Roof and Block company, of Decatur, Indiana, on the 9th day of January, 1908, showing the amount of capital stock, the amount of assessments made and actually paid in and the amount of existing debts which said statement or report is hereby signed and verified by the president and a majority of said directors, and the secretary of said company.

JOHN EVERETT, Pres.
M. KIRSCH, Secy.
H. HITE, Director.
HUGH H. HITE, Director.
M. KIRSCH, Director.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, 1908.
PAUL G. HOOPER, Notary Public. My commission expires on the 23rd day of February, 1910.

Practical Help For Deafness.

I have proved that this is really practical. Get a common pasteboard mailing tube such as pictures or music is mailed in and hold it to the ear closely. The result is wonderful. A very deaf person can hear distinctly everything that is said by any one sitting on the other side of the room. At first thought one is inclined to ridicule so simple a method. I bought a good long one, large enough to fit over the ear, for 10 cents. One can get them at any business stationer's. I tried it on grandmother, who is very deaf. She could hear well and, what was more remarkable, could also hear with her very deaf ear, with which she has not heard a sound for seven years. Try it! That's all I have to say.—Harper's Bazar.

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The Shoe Seller.

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

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