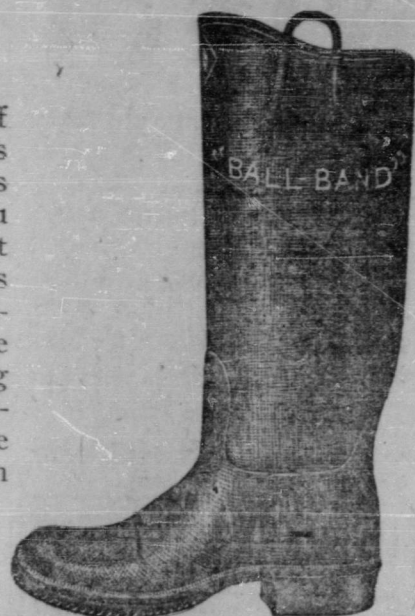


You can't afford to have wet feet

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.



Tague Shoe Store

WEATHER.

Fair and colder tonight; Friday fair with rising temperature.

Otis Juday, of Geneva, is in the city today.

Red Knoff arrived in the city yesterday.

James Ball left for Fort Wayne last evening.

G. W. Cramer is visiting friends at Fort Wayne.

Chas. Fritzinger is a Fort Wayne business caller today.

Thurman Porter returned home from Indianapolis, last evening.

Bob Allison made a business trip to Fort Wayne this morning.

Miss Bertha Hart attended the play last evening at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chas. Colter and baby returned to Shumm this noon.

Titus Ernst is on the sick list suffering from a slight attack of the lagrippe.

Charles Elliott returned to his home at Fort Wayne after transacting business here.

Ben Schrank went to Fort Wayne this morning to take treatment for his throat.

Mrs. Mary Christen after doing her shopping in the city, returned to Monmouth.

Grandma Nichols of the west part of the city is still in a serious condition from old age and an attack of grippe.

The Widow McCarty show company played at Ohio City last night and went from there to Defiance, Ohio, where they will show tonight.

W. H. Fledderjohann returned this morning from St. Marys, Ohio, where he was attending to matters pertaining to the interurban.

A very decided change in the temperature was noticed this morning, over that of last evening. The thermometer registered fifteen above zero this morning, while last evening it was 27 degrees above. A little more of the present weather and the hearts of the ice men will be made happy.

Cottle Shaffer and Dyke Frisinger on last evening played a series of six games at the Klondyke bowling alleys for practice. Frisinger defeating Shaffer four pins for the six games and Shaffer defeating Frisinger four games out of the six. The contest was interesting and the averages of both boys was high.

R. K. Allison made a business trip to Fort Wayne this morning.

Harold S. Wilson, the Fargo express man, is suffering with the lagrippe.

R. K. Allison returned last evening from a business trip at Chicago.

Mrs. Nancy Close, of Oklahoma, is visiting with Mrs. John Roubush.

Mr. Fred Blossom left for Chicago, Ill., last evening on a business trip.

Mrs. M. H. Holbrook and children returned to Fort Wayne last evening.

Peter Forbing returned this afternoon from a business trip to Portland.

E. A. Shutt, of Akron, Ohio, is the guest of Mr. T. W. Shelton for the day.

The different factories of the city are running at full blast and are employing a large number of men.

The condition of Clyde Nichols remains practically unchanged and he is still in a very serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dougherty, of Big Rapids, Mich., is the guest of Mrs. John Roubush for a time.

Miss Agnes Gillig returned home from Fort Recovery last evening where she has been visiting friends.

Mrs. Gilbert Jack will leave Saturday for Pittsburg, Pa., and from there she will join Mr. Jack and go to New York City, where they will make their future home.

William Foreman has accepted a position at the Riverside stables, and assumed his duties Monday. William is a hustler in this respect, as he knows all about the business and is a very handy man.

This evening the Elks and K. of C. bowling teams will meet at the Klondyke alleys, where they will play their regular scheduled games in the city league race. Both teams are evenly matched and a red hot contest will be in order.

Jacob A. Blue, who conducted a blacksmith shop here years ago, leaving Decatur in 1893, has returned and has purchased the Gessinger blacksmith shop on Third street, taking possession next Monday. He is one of the best workmen in the line in the country and will be well remembered by many of our citizens.

The little snow that fell last night made this a good day for hunting, and local sportsmen could be seen going in all directions armed to the teeth for the wily rabbit. Hunting in this line this fall has been excellent, as the rabbit has been plentiful and practically every hunter has had more or less good fortune.

A REPUTATION



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

THE BETTER THE
GRADE
THE BETTER THE
TRADE

Charlie Voglewede
The Shoe Seller.

Milo Trout is the guest of his parents.

Harry Moltz is on a business trip to Toledo, Ohio.

Clement J. Keiler made a business trip to Bluffton today.

Master Chas. Pennington is sick with the lagrippe.

Mrs. S. E. Hursell, of Willshire, was a Decatur shopper today.

R. B. Smith made a business trip to Bluffton this morning.

J. W. Tyndall went to Bluffton this morning to spend the day with friends.

Charles Colter went to Warren this morning in the interest of Smith and Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Reid, of Bluffton, passed through the city enroute to Geneva.

Mrs. E. L. Carroll went to Fort Wayne today to spend the day with friends.

Mrs. Dan Vail went to Fort Wayne today to make a short visit with friends.

Frank Burger went to Bluffton this morning to attend the horse sale given at that place.

Mrs. Gould, of Marion, passed through the city enroute to Geneva to visit friends.

Elmer Johnson and Nolan King were at Bluffton today looking after the purchase of some horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ashburcher went to Bluffton this morning to be the guests of relatives for the day.

Miss Samantha Nichols is confined to her home in the west part of the city with an attack of the grip.

Miss Nellie Brown returned to her home at Willshire this noon after doing her week's shopping here.

Dick Harting, of Bluffton, arrived in the city to visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Miller.

Messrs. Daniel Beery and Abe Boch were visitors at Bluffton today and attended a horse sale at that place.

Harvey and Clarence Hilyard left today for Portland, Oregon, where they will spend the winter and all of next summer.

Mrs. George Diggs, of Marion, who has been the guest of Mrs. Jeff Bryson for some time, returned to her home today.

Mrs. Elmer Jones, of Portland, who has been visiting friends in the city for some time, returned to her home this afternoon.

D. N. Erwin returned last evening from an extended trip through Texas where he conducted a party of Adams county people.

The condition of the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nichols is unchanged, and the young man remains about the same.

At Berne union services are being held at the churches and a noble effort is being made to better the community spiritually.

The special meeting of the O. E. S. lodge, scheduled for tonight, promises to be very interesting. Initiatory work will be conferred and a good time is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Rice, of Monmouth, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mont Evans, of Delong, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. John Evans and son William at twelve o'clock dinner yesterday.

The most unique features of this season will be the masquerade party given on the pond near the Preble station, by the school pupils of the Peterson school. Any one is invited to attend if they mask.

The revival services that are being conducted at Monroe are creating much interest. Rev. Edgar Jones is delivering powerful sermons and it is anticipated that many will be converted ere the meetings close.

The interurban this morning shipped out one of its heaviest consignments of freight to surrounding cities and towns. The freight car was heavily loaded and the freight went to Muncie, Wabash, Huntington, Van Buren, Van Wert, Farnland, Convoy, and Peru.

The condition of Clyde Nichols, who is affected with lung trouble, is more serious today than usual and his constitution is becoming weaker day by day. His is almost, if not, a hopeless case, although everything that is possible is being done to relieve the seriousness of his condition.

The new dynamo recently installed at the electric plant by the Fort Wayne Electric Works, is giving perfect satisfaction and is considered by the employees of the plant as a great improvement over the old dynamo. The machine is running along very smoothly and is doing all the work predicted for it.

Monmouth literary society is growing in interest. A good program has been arranged by the committee for next Friday evening. The crowning feature of the evening will be a debate. The question being: Resolved, That foreign immigration should be restricted. Speakers on the affirmative, Frank McConnell and Will Evans. On the negative, D. M. Rice and Melton Fuhrman.

Mrs. C. H. Clark, of Monmouth, arrived to spend the afternoon here.

D. E. Studabaker is on the sick list suffering from an attack of the lagrippe.

The Afternoon club will meet with Mrs. Hattie Voglewede, on next Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Yocum, who has been visiting at Payne, Ohio, returned home this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Johnson returned home from Fort Wayne this noon, where they have been visiting.

Mrs. Mary Wemhoff, who has been ill for several days with the grip, is again able to be up and around again.

The social committee of the Christian church are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. Harvey Lee on Monday afternoon.

M. F. Smith, manager of the Furnace factory, left today on a business trip to Hartford City and Anderson to demonstrate the good qualities of the furnace he manufactures.

Schmuck & Miller, proprietors of the Crystal theater, have a new and attractive film for tonight's entertainment and it will pay any one who likes god clean amusement to attend.

Miss Cecil Andrews celebrated her twelfth birthday anniversary last evening by entertaining a few friends at her home, at Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rainier. Games and music with delicious refreshments, occupied the evening hours.

The Elks and K. of C. teams are scheduled to meet this evening at the Klondyke alleys and as the boys are evenly matched a red hot contest is assured. The race for the city championship promises to be interesting throughout.

Examinations in the various branches started today at the public schools and as a result many of the students were out at a much earlier hour than usual. This is a test examination of the work done during the past three months and it is proving a hard task for some of the students and requires much reviewing.

A new show will be introduced this evening at the Pictorium, we being unable at this time to give the names of the films. Mr. Stoneburner is putting on two new shows every night, and that the same is a success can be vouched for by the enormous crowds that attend. That the films this evening will be up to the standard goes without any argument.

There were no games played in the DeWitt smoke house tournament yesterday and as a result no changes were made in the percentage column. Several of the contestants have been out of the city, but as they are now home the regular scheduled games will be played as fast as possible. But very few games remain to be played yet, before a champion can be announced.

The city engineer and street and sewer committee to whom was referred the assessment rolls on the Lenhart and Roop sewers, are busily engaged in making numerous changes in the same and will be ready to report back at the next meeting. Upon examination it was found necessary to assess some who were not assessed and in other instances the assessments were greatly reduced.

Elmer Johnson informed us last evening that he had practically secured his car of horses to ship to Pittsburg Friday, where he will conduct a special sale the following week. The horse market in the east has opened up to a very noticeable degree, and the old time prices that once prevailed are coming back into style. Mr. Johnson has an excellent load purchased, and should have a fine sale.

The market in hogs at present is in very bad straits and from all appearances does not seem to want to raise to any degree. The local stock men do not want to go into the buying game while the stock is quoted so low in the east and as a consequence there is nothing much doing in this line in and around Decatur. However, there is one satisfaction that being that the price cannot keep this way always.

The machinery for the deep well pump at the water works plant has been connected up and is now in working shape. The well was recently completed and when the first connections were made it was found that the sucker rods were too short, hence the pump did not throw the right kind of a stream of water. A new rod was secured and the outfit is now working to the perfect satisfaction of all concerned.

Carl Fausnot, who was arrested Tuesday night on a charge of public intoxication, is still in a serious condition and this morning was too sick and weak to be brought before the mayor. Fausnot has been on this spree for some time, and it now seems as though the same was reacting. As soon as he is in condition, he will be brought before the mayor and permitted to answer to the charge that is now hanging over his head.

PICTORIUM TONIGHT

Bird Nesting.

Chinese Mistake.

Crime in the Mountain.

Indiana Rubber Man.

SONG.

"Montana."

J. B. STONEBURNER, Prop.

H. C. Beaton, of Montpelier, passed through the city to Fort Wayne this evening.

It seems that the grip has a good grip on many of the people of our city at present.

B. B. Teeple, of Van Wert, Ohio, returned to his home after being here on business.

L. A. Holthouse, who has been ill for some time with the lagrippe, is again able to be up and around.

The Coppock Automobile factory is running merrily along and much is being accomplished in the manufacture of tools to be used later.

Mr. and Mrs. James McAlhoney, of Van Wert, who for several days have been guests of relatives in the city, returned to their home today.

John Niblick is again able to resume his duties at the Niblick dry goods store after an absence of several days suffering from an attack of the grip.

From the number of wagon loads of tile that are at present being hauled from the Krick, Tyndall and company's mills, it would seem as though the farmers surrounding Decatur were taking advantage of the mild winter weather and were improving their farms in the way of putting in new drains. At least ten loads have been hauled every day from these mills for the past two weeks.

It is possible that the special car now under completion at the interurban barns for the Decatur Packing company will be put into practical use by the first of next week. The car is almost completed and the addition of a few pieces of casting from the Westinghouse people will put the car into running order and use. This car will be used exclusively for the shipping of meat for this company.

From the present outlook, Bluffton who has been figuring upon getting into the Indiana Ohio league this season, may be left out in the cold. The latest report is that the fans of that city must raise a hundred dollars between now and January 20th, which must be posted at Indianapolis as a guarantee that they will finish the season. From all reports the fans who have the ready money are not taking very kindly to the situation. It now seems sure that Decatur will not be in the league.

Ballet Shoes.

Ballet shoes fit like a stocking. They are of leather, with a thin leather sole about an inch wide and with the uppers sewed so that they come under the foot. The ballet dancer wants no rubber heels, instep arch supports nor any other of the foot supporting or reforming devices which are commonly used by ordinary mortals. The toe dancer desires a hard box toe on her ballet shoes, but the ordinary dancer seeks only shoes that will give perfect freedom of movement of the joints and muscles of the feet. It is a rule of good dancers, a shoe man of experience says, to wear shoes that will allow for space between the toes. It is a point of good fit that all persons should heed, he says. High heels are put on to stage shoes for effect, not to promote good dancing. Many stage shoes are made with short fore parts and high heels to make the feet look smaller and the person taller.—Boston Globe.

A Doubtful Assertion.

Brown—They say that drowning men catch at straws.

Towne—Yes, but I doubt it. I've seen a number of men drown, and those of them who had any preference at all seemed in favor of a plank. In fact, I do not now recall ever having been asked for a straw by a gentleman who was drowning.—New York Journal.

Extravagant.

Kind Lady—If I give you this penny what will you do with it? Beggar—Hire a motor cab and show me friend Rigby the town, ma'am.—Illustrated Bits.

THE CRYSTAL THEATRE

OPEN TONIGHT
MOTION PICTURES.

First film—"On the Grass." "Daily Life of a French Sailor."

Second film—"The Wonderful Lion Killer." "The River Pirates."

ILLUSTRATED SONG.

"The Fatal Rose of Red."

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\$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.

The Bosse Opera House Friday, January 17

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INTER-STATE VAUDEVILLE ASSOCIATION.
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Black sandy soil, with new farm buildings modern in every way, well fenced, in good locality of Adams county. This is a model stock farm and a bargain for any one who wants a farm of this kind. Enquire at this office.

Mr. Smith, manager of the Furnace factory, informs us that he has at present twenty men employed, and that some time during the month of February he expects to begin taking more men on all the time until his force reaches fifty. Several future orders have already been received and before spring comes he expects many more.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller, of La-grange, have arrived in the city for a visit with friends and relatives. Have you taken advantage of the 20 per cent reduction offer made by Teeple, Brandyberry and Peterson, the clothiers? This offer will hold good for this month only. In their large display window for prices and bargains.

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.

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