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**MOSER'S**  
China and Notion Store.

Miss Lydia Thomas has been a visitor in Decatur for the past few days.

A number of Geneva parties arrived on the morning train to look after court business.

L. G. Dunn, of Fairbury, Ill., has returned to his home after a visit with his son, C. R. Dunn.

Dr. C. B. Wilcox has left for Michigan, where he will remain for a few days on a business mission.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Mt. Pleasant will meet with Mrs. Henry White on next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

The Elks will observe memorial day next Sunday and have prepared an excellent program. The public are admitted to these meetings.

Misses Pansy Bell, Frances Merryman and Frances Bryson left this morning for Greencastle, where they will resume their work at DePauw university.

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**WEATHER**

Fair tonight and Tuesday, except showers or snow flurries extreme north portion; much colder with cold wave north portion.

Dr. Dick Neptune has returned from a hunting expedition in Arkansas.

Mont Manley, of Geneva, was in the city today looking after business interest.

Homer Pontius, of Geneva, came to Decatur this morning on a business mission.

Christmas is drawing nearer each day and everybody is planning for a great time.

Harry Fritzingler was at Fort Wayne yesterday on a business mission and returned in the afternoon.

Silas Hale, of Geneva, was in the city today looking after business affairs and has returned to his home.

Joseph Winteregg, of Berne, passed through the city today enroute to Fort Wayne, where he will transact business.

Mrs. R. Earl Peters will return Wednesday from a several days' visit with her parents and other relatives at Waterloo, Ind.

The sudden rising of the temperature is welcomed by the farmers as wheat will be greatly benefitted by a week's warm weather.

Mrs. J. Carpenter and daughter accompanied by Mrs. Trim, left this morning for Michigan, where they will remain for some time.

Dallas M. Reed returned to his home at Huntington today after enjoying an over-Sunday visit with his wife's mother, Mrs. M. Fullenkamp.

Mrs. Jennie Vitz returned this morning to her home at Defiance after making a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sellemeyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Carvil, of Elkhart, returned to their home today after being the guest of Miss Lydia Thomas and other relatives in the city.

Miss Bertha Heller returned to her school work at Alexandria this morning. She suffered from an attack of stomach trouble over Sunday, but was able to leave this morning.

The furnace factory has enough orders ahead at present to keep the workmen busy for several months. This institution is progressing nicely and will be heard from in a large measure in the future.

The Elks committee on program are busy completing arrangements for the memorial services to be held by them at the Bosse opera house next Sunday. The services will be very interesting as noted speakers are on the program. Excellent music will also be rendered.

The people who are contemplating the purchase of Christmas presents will do well to watch the columns of the Democrat for announcements from Decatur merchants. Rare bargains are in store for the people of the city. Be sure and read each advertisement carefully.

Raymond Knoff is making all preparations to open dental parlors in Berne in the near future. His furniture has been ordered and is expected to arrive within a few days. Raymond is a dentist of ability and will be sure to make good in the business venture. Seven years of practice and study has amply equipped him to do dental work very efficiently.

The statistics on marriage and divorce, issued by the census bureau Friday, show that only three states, Washington, Colorado and Montana, exceed Indiana in the number of divorces granted in proportion to population. The bureau's statistics cover a period of twenty years from 1887 to 1906, inclusive. During that twenty-year period, 60,721 divorces were granted in Indiana. This is at the rate of 142 divorces annually for each 100,000 of population. In 1880 the divorces in the state were at the rate of seventy for each 100,000 of population.

T. W. Watts left this morning on a business trip to Ohio City.

Joe Volmer returned today from a business trip to Kokomo.

Miss Carrie Bothoff went to Pleasant Mills this morning to visit with relatives.

Miss Elenora Forbing returned last evening from a visit with friends at Fort Wayne.

Roy Sautbine, of Craigville, came to Decatur this morning to look after business interests.

Mrs. W. Pyle has returned from Marion where she visited friends and relatives over Sunday.

John Holthouse returned from Bluffton this morning where he had been on a business mission.

W. F. Hughes, of Fort Wayne, transacted business here this morning and has returned to his home.

Charles Dunn will leave tomorrow on an extensive business trip in the south part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell and daughter have returned from a week's visit with relatives at Marion. Mrs. Bell is still in very poor health.

We are getting a little more rain, much to the content of everybody. The weather now is no doubt trying to make up for the deficiency in water caused by the long drought.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pounds, of Urbana, Ohio, who have been pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dunn for several days, returned to their home today.

Miss Kate Hammell, of west Second street, returned Saturday afternoon from a several days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hammell at Decatur.—Portland Sun.

The Schaefer Hardware company is enjoying a great trade on their line of granite ware, and the big car load has already been diminished somewhat, but the selection is still as good as ever.

Yager Bros. & Reinking are going after the Christmas business, as may be seen by their advertisement in this issue, which is only the start of a real campaign. When they do things they do them, and it will pay you to read their holiday talks.

Ladies are to be allowed to bowl free at the Palace in the morning's for a while, the official announcement to be made in a day or two. Manager Peterson has secured special paraphernalia for the use of the ladies who like the sport and by the way it promises to become quite popular.

Rev. John H. Hill, a Democrat, who was elected to represent Bartholomew county in the lower house of the next general assembly, is a foe of the fish and game laws. He believes that it is the God-given right of every man to fish and hunt when he pleases, and it will be one of the aims of his work in the legislature to secure the repeal of the fish and game laws.

There will always be a demand for plays which expose immoral methods, no matter which of the ten commandments is violated. And those plays which treat of family life, will always be preferred, because society rests upon the family and the home.

The play of the elemental passions, love and hate and jealousy, will always appeal to man and women.

Mrs. Abe Beery is very sick at the home of her niece, Mrs. George W. Roop, and her condition is alarming. She suffers with what is known as creeping paralysis, and hopes for recovery are very slight. She is seventy-one years old, and this fact adds to the improbability of her recovery. Her husband died about seven months ago, since which time she has lived with her niece.

The following letters remain unclaimed at the Decatur postoffice for the week ending Nov. 30th, 1908: Myrtle Emerine, Philip Beery, Chas. L. Harlan, John Solfrank, August Bohnke, John Beckner, John Ehardt, Mrs. J. F. Kertman, Mrs. Annie Miller, Nelson E. Mercer, Henry Welsenborn, Rev. C. H. Wharton. Persons calling for above please say advertised, giving date. M. A. Frisinger, P. M.

Apparently in a badly demented condition, waiting at the M. B. & E. station and claiming he was trying to find his home, W. S. Harvey, who disappeared from his home in Bluffton two weeks ago as completely as if the earth had swallowed him, was taken in custody Saturday at 1 o'clock by the Marion police. The man was put through a rigid questioning by Chief of Police Bert White, but all of his answers carried the conviction that he was demented.

Walter Wellman has filed a libel suit for \$100,000 and rectification in Paris against the Sporting Review La Vie au Grand Air, because of the publication of an article characterizing Wellman's expedition to the North Pole as "an American bluff designed for personal profit and carried out under the cover of impossible scientific conditions." The article of which Mr. Wellman complains was printed last spring and, he states, was inspired by one of the disgruntled members of the expedition.

Mrs. Archbold visited friends at Fort Wayne yesterday and returned to the city last evening.

The condition of Mrs. J. E. Moser is alarming. A superfluous growth is causing her much inconvenience and pain.

We are again promised bitter cold weather. It seems that we are getting a variety at present in atmospheric conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Schnitz, of Marion, came to the city today to remain for some time as the guest of friends and relatives.

William Brown returned to Wilshire this morning to resume duties as baker in a restaurant after making a short visit in the city.

All members of the Rebekah lodge are requested to be present at their tomorrow night's meeting. Business of importance is to be transacted.

Mrs. Horace Bothoff returned this morning from Pleasant Mills, where she has been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Armstrong, who is seriously ill.

Every member of the Modern Woodmen lodge should be present Wednesday evening when the election of officers takes place. The banquet is to be grand.

The Coppock Motor Car company is doing a good business. The plant is operating at full blast in order that the demands of the purchasers will be supplied.

Miss Laura McClain, of Berne, passed through the city today enroute to Marion, where she will resume duties in the normal school of that place, after a visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zimmerman, of near Peterson, returned home today after spending a few days with Mrs. Zimmerman's sister, in Fort Wayne, and brother in Whitley county.

The school children went back to their duties today, for a month lacking one day, the Christmas holiday of ten days beginning on the 24th and school resuming on January 4th.

The work on the new Wren school house will be completed within three weeks, nothing unforeseen happening. Mann and Christen are the contractors and they are doing a great work.

The Christmas advertisers are busy just now and if you expect to do your share of the business you should buy a little space in the Daily Democrat, and the more you buy the more business you will have.

The Rebekah lodge have elected their officers for the ensuing term as follows: Mrs. Nora Butler, N. G.; Mrs. Crist, V. G.; Della Harruff, recording secretary; Nellie Winnes, financial secretary; Mrs. A. D. Artman, treasurer. The installation will take place the first of January.

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Did you ever see the face of a child when it was Absolutely Happy? Every mother, every mistress of a home and every hostess should have an

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The Edison Phonograph now has the new Amberol records which play twice as long as the old ones, which play longer and better than any other records made. Every mother that reads this should decide

today that Christmas will bring at least one joyful entertainer into her home. An Edison Phonograph. Come to Laman and Lee's today and hear the Edison. Select your style, pick out a supply of records and make this Christmas a phonograph Xmas

**LAMAN & LEE**

Headquarters for the Best of Everything in Their Line

The Elks annual minstrel show which has become quite a social feature here, will be held this year about the middle of January instead of New Year's night as heretofore. The change in dates was made necessary because of the fact that several of the song and dance artists who have in the past made the occasion famous will be out of the city at that time and it was decided to await their return rather than dispense with their very valuable or invaluable services.

FOR SALE—A house and lot with good well, cistern and barn and some fruit. Can be bought for \$700 if sold soon. Inquire at this office. 285-6t

FOR SALE—A property in good location, located on a corner. Has good barn, well and cistern and full lot. Can be bought for \$900, if sold within thirty days. Inquire of Charles Nelson or at this office. 285-5t

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**Suits from \$15 up**  
**Pants from \$4.50 up**  
Perfect fitting garments, most stylish, finest workmanship.  
Bring in your old clothes, let us make them look like new.  
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**Suits Worthy of Paris Artists**

**L**ITTLE details distinguish a Paris importation from the usual "shoppy" suit. This year there is the "Directoire" cut, the raised waist line, the sheath skirt effect, the high standing and lay-down collar, the patch pocket, the long sleeves, etc.

The "Bischof" models we are showing embody all these features. These goods are designed after the best creations of the leading foreign artists. You could go walking in Paris or Vienna and be in the reigning fashion with any one of these suits.

Come in. You can see the snap and smartness of these garments the instant you look in our mirrors. The wear is guaranteed both by us and the makers.

Plainly it is to your interest to make your selections now before the choicest patterns are taken. To give you even a greater inducement to come at once we have marked the most desirable garments far below their regular values.

We illustrate a few of the many we are showing. Look for the trade-mark "B. S. & S." in every garment.

**NEW MODELS**

are arriving daily. See the new Directoire Backs. Fine Broadcloth coats that were \$12, This week

**\$10.00**

Come in all colors, Brown, Blue, Green and Black. Ask to see them while they last.

**JUST ARRIVED**

Some new styles in Ladies Dress Skirts.

**SPECIAL**

This week. — Ladies all wool Panama skirts in Brown, Blue, Black and Green at

**\$5.50**

worth \$7.50. Ask to see them.



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