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Mrs. J. H. Heller continues very ill. She passed a rather bad night and is still suffering great pain.

A little frosty again, but at that mightily nice weather for the first day of December. Let's all be happy.

Many girls are employed at the glove factory at present and much is being done in supplying the demands of the people for the product of the factory.

The Yager furniture store are already selling many articles that will make some one happy on Christmas day. It is a great place to select real Santa Claus gifts.

The A. R. Bell family are having a good share of sickness just now, as Mrs. Bell, and Mrs. Frank Bell and Mr. Frank Bell are all more or less under the weather.

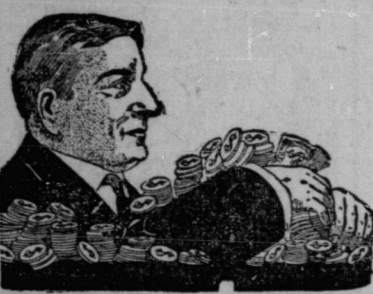
Rev. G. B. Work, of Warren, was a caller here today. He was formerly pastor of the Methodist church here and has a large number of warm friends in this locality.

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WEATHER

Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight.

The G. R. & I. southbound train was one hour late this afternoon.

Miss Ida Gay went to Fort Wayne this morning to make a brief visit with friends and relatives.

The coal men of the city are doing a big business at present and they are all wearing broad smiles.

Miss Effie York has resumed duties at the new Star theater after being ill for a few days from a severe cold.

The weather conditions have taken another sudden change and the boys have again donned their winter overcoats.

Judge Vesey, of Fort Wayne, and Judge LaFollette, of Portland, were attending to legal affairs here this morning.

W. S. Harvey, the Bluffton man, who mysteriously disappeared two weeks ago, has been found wandering about the city of Marion in a demented condition.

John Henry Baker, deputy marshal at Auburn, died Saturday evening after an extended illness. He had been night watchman in that city twenty-one years.

David Studabaker was again reported about the same today and this is the report that may be expected for several days, as is usual in all cases of typhoid.

J. B. Stoneburner has a new film for tonight's show that is a hummer. Many people visit his popular amusement place each evening and they are always pleased.

The season is here when the merchants do a big business. It is the real live ones who do it, however. It is those who have the goods and tell the people about them.

Miss Augustina Dhe, sister of Rev. Father Charles Dhe, formerly pastor of the Catholic church at Besancon, died a few days ago from cancer at the home of her brother in Fowler.

Preliminary steps will be taken toward the Christmas entertainment to be given at the M. E. church Friday night. A cantata will be rendered and the choir will furnish special music.

Mrs. Fred Vaughn left this morning for Fort Wayne, where she expects to spend the day with friends. She was joined at Monmouth by her mother, Mrs. Christen, who accompanied her on the trip.

The stockholders of the Decatur Packing company will hold a meeting this week at which time important business relative to the operation of this concern will be transacted. This institution is doing a big business.

The Haugk quarry has suspended work for the winter and this has been the most successful year ever experienced by Mr. Haugk. Much stone has been gotten out and sold and he has a large quantity of building stone on hand yet.

Business men's announcements are to be seen elsewhere in this issue and bargains are certainly in store for the people. Not one of our readers can afford to ignore these announcements, as you can see what you want and buy it right.

Twenty-four marriage licenses have been issued so far this month, a very good average. However, the year's record is going to be very low, even if next month should prove a record-breaker. Leap year doesn't seem to have been a howling success in this county.

D. E. Studabaker left yesterday for Chicago, where he will attend the fat stock show now in session and witness the sale of seventeen head of Hereford cattle from his farm near Van Buren. The cattle are in very fine shape and are expected to bring the high prices. Mr. Studabaker will be joined Wednesday by Mrs. Studabaker and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Studabaker who will take in the sights at the big show for a few days.—Bluffton Banner.

Mr. Baumgartner, of Portland, was in the city today looking after business affairs.

Misses Lucile Locke, Kathryn Bennett, and Mary Deam, who have been visiting their parents over Thanksgiving, left this noon to return to school at Glendale academy, Glendale, O.—Bluffton News.

Monday was the banner day at the library. Miss Moses, the librarian, reports 120 books taken out, besides several reference books. Many took advantage of the reading library, and in all it was a great day for the Decatur public library.

Henry Stein, a noted character at Lake-of-the-Woods, near Plymouth, took his life Thursday with a revolver. He had frequently made threats to that end, and declared he wanted no priest or preacher when he died. He was about 60 years old.

The sale of granite ware at the Schafer store continues to be an event worth your notice. Many ladies in this locality are securing the nicest line of kitchen goods they ever owned and at less money than they usually pay for ordinary articles.

Mrs. George Bowman, 49, residing four miles northwest of Peru, was found dead in a barn Saturday evening with a bullet wound in her head. When found she still clasped the revolver, which had but one empty chamber. The cause of her suicide is unknown.

Wesley Dunham, aged 89 years and formerly mayor of Anderson, is suffering from a peculiar ailment. A few days ago he was bitten on the hand by a common house fly, from which blood poisoning has developed and has spread throughout his system, causing serious illness.

It is rather amusing to contemplate the change in manner of obtaining warmth by people of this vicinity. It was but a few fleeting years ago that gas was at its best in Decatur, and many of the citizens enjoyed using the convenient fuel. Wood was the next fuel and now coal is relied upon by almost every household. How times are changing.

"East Lynne" will be presented at the Boese opera house on Wednesday, Dec. 2, by Joseph King's excellent company. The American public today finds greatest delight in the drama that has a big human note, that deals with elemental passions and sorrows, and that tells a gripping vital story. It is a rare relish. You know "East Lynne" contains these elements. How often have you said: "I would like to see it played by a good company."

Within a few weeks the present re-ballasting of the C. B. & C. railroad will have been completed and the Erie will unite with it in conducting the two lines from Uniondale to this city as a double track system. This has been impossible in the past because the road bed of the C. B. & C. was not strong enough to carry the heavy Erie trains. Both roads realize what a great benefit it would be to each to run all trains on the C. B. & C. tracks going out of the city and to run trains of both roads on the Erie tracks when coming into the city. It seems to be probable, too, that the Erie and C. B. & C. may unite to make a union depot.—Huntington Democrat.

A suit on note in which demand is made by M. W. Walbert for judgment for \$200 against Levi and William Kohler, living near Vera Cruz, has been set for trial in the Decatur court on January 6th and it recalls an old criminal case of several years ago in which Levi Kohler was the defendant. He was arrested at Vera Cruz on a charge of alleged contributing to delinquency of a feeble-minded girl and he had a hard time clearing himself. He was defended by Squire Walbert and F. C. Dalley of this city, and in payment of his attorney fees gave the note for \$200 to Mr. Walbert. The note has run along for several years and Kohler has made no effort or offer to pay his attorney fees and Mr. Walbert brought the suit to collect the note. William Kohler is made a party because he went on his brother's note as security.—Bluffton News.

A Mr. Burton, representing Crossman Brothers, wholesale seed dealers, who was in Decatur checking up accounts with Smith, Yager & Falk, has discovered a neat little swindle that has been going on for some time, worked by a man claiming to represent the company. The seed dealers send out their seeds to the retailer on commission, allowing the retailer to return in the fall all he cannot dispose of, and a representative of the company usually comes and checks up with the retailer. In September a man claiming to be a representative of the company called on Smith, Yager & Falk and settled with them, taking in payment \$6 and sending the seeds back to the house. Burton claims that every town he has visited lately on his trips has been picked this way by the man who picked up about fifty dollars a day in this way which he kept and cheated the wholesale seed dealers out of a large sum of money.—Bluffton Banner.

Mrs. T. W. Watts went to Fort Wayne today for a visit with friends. J. Sheerer, of Monroe, was a business caller in town today and has returned to his home.

Mrs. L. E. Opliger went to Geneva this afternoon for a brief visit with friends and relatives.

County Surveyor L. L. Baumgartner went to Berne this afternoon to transact business.

Mrs. W. Smith returned to Monroe this afternoon from a visit with friends in the city.

Miss Bess Smith, of Monroe, was a visitor in Decatur today. She has returned to her home.

Charles M. Fetters, of Geneva, returned to his home today from a business trip to this city.

Miss Edith Miller left at noon for Huntington, where she will visit with her sister, Mrs. William Nix.

P. W. Smith, of Richmond, was in the city today on banking business and has returned to his home.

Judge LaFollette, of Portland, returned to his home this afternoon from a legal visit to the city.

Mrs. Catherine Walters has returned to Chicago for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Watts.

Dr. Noah Zehr, of Berne, was in the city today looking after business affairs and returned to his home this afternoon.

Miss Carrie Botthoff returned this morning from an over-night visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Armstrong, at Pleasant Mills.

John Armstrong returned to Indianapolis this afternoon after visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Botthoff and family.

Messrs. F. V. Mills, A. H. Sellemeyer and D. B. Erwin, members of the school board are visiting the various schools this week. They were at the North Ward today. They state that the schools are prospering nicely.

Marsh Burd and D. E. Studabaker have sold their handsome full blooded rabbit hound, at a fancy price, and have purchased two of the best rabbit hunting canines ever exhibited in this state. The pair cost the very neat sum of forty dollars, but the boys think the money well invested at that.

The farmers are very grateful for the recent rain and they are of the opinion that it will greatly help the wheat crop. There was but a half crop planted this year, however, and even if the wheat which is in the ground flourishes, there will be a scarcity of the grain next year. The continued drought experienced in this section caused farmers to plant their wheat fields in something else this fall. Wonder who will get credit for high priced wheat next summer when there will be a scarcity of it.

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Jesse Shull, residing in the southern part of Kosciusko county, fell from a freight train on which he was returning from Michigan and was killed. The young man was 25 years of age and the accident occurred at Lapaz.

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