

SOME INSTRUCTION

How to Send Your Christmas Present by Express

VERY IMPORTANT

If You Would Have Your Gifts Arrive Safely Read This

Do you expect to send your mother, sweetheart, or friend a Christmas present this year? If so, and you find it necessary to patronize some express company, it would be well to bear in mind the following suggestions submitted by an expressman:

First, Ship your package early, by the 18th of December, if possible. The express company will give you a small label to paste on the package reading: "Don't Open Until Christmas." This will insure the package reaching its destination before Christmas and give the additional pleasure to the recipient of the gift of having it Christmas morning.

Second, Use wooden boxes for packing. Glass or fragile articles should be well protected. It may cost a few cents more, but the danger of loss or damage is very much reduced. True if the shipment is lost or damaged the express company will pay for it, but that will give your friend no pleasure.

Third, Write the address in full, State, County, City, Street and Number, on the box or package with ink, or crayon. Tags are frequently torn off and lost.

Fourth, If you want to prepay the charges, write the word "Paid" in large plain letters on the package.

Fifth, Insist on a receipt and see that the amount paid is marked on the receipt and package, and the value of the package declared thereon.

Sixth, Write your own address in full somewhere on the package following the prefix "From"

Seventh, Enclose a card in each box or package reading:

From

To

This in order that should the outer markings be destroyed the inner mark will insure prompt forwarding and delivery.

Eighth, If not convenient to ship in wooden boxes, use strong wrapping paper (not newspapers), and tie with strong cord.

Ninth, If package contains anything of perishable nature, write the word "Perishable" in large plain letters on the box, or package, to insure special attention and first delivery.

If you will observe these suggestions, you will greatly assist in insuring the prompt delivery of your gift in good condition.

CHAPEL EXERCISES

Every County Represented When Legislative Committee Came

A GREAT SCHOOL

Indiana is Proud of the Showing Made by this Institution

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 8.—Every county in the state was represented at the chapel exercises at Indiana university last week, held in honor of the Indiana legislative committee. This committee, appointed by the governor to investigate the condition and needs of the state institutions, has just completed its inspection of the university, its buildings, grounds, accounts, reports, etc. The committee consists of Senator Horace Hanna, Plainfield, and Representatives Grieger of Laporte, and Sick, of Lebanon. This is only one of three reports that the university makes to the state. In addition to his one the university officials report biennially to the governor of the state and semi-annually to the state auditor. "The fact that Indiana university is a state institution cannot be emphasized too strongly," said President W. L. Bryan today. "It belongs to the state, is supervised by the state and makes its accounting to the state. It is a part and parcel of the free educational system of Indiana."

THEY GAVE BONDS

New County Officers File Their Bonds Which Are Approved

THEY ARE GOOD

The Bonds Are Gilt Edged and Are Kept by the County Clerk

The Auditor. New Adams county officers have filed their bonds the same having received approval of the commissioners. The Auditor-elect, H. S. Michaud, gives bond for ten thousand dollars, the sureties being J. F. Leaman, John W. Craig, F. C. Foreman, Peter Soldner, C. D. Lewton, J. F. Lachot, J. N. Fristoe, L. L. Baumgartner, Henry Michaud, Andrew Gottschalk, John J. Soldner, Samuel Simson and Amos Hirschey.

The Coroner. Coroner John C. Grandstaff gives a bond for five thousand dollars, and the following well known names are found on his bond: D. D. Clark, C. A. Dugan, T. J. Durkin, John S. Falk, William F. Jaebker and August Werling.

The Surveyor. C. C. Ernst begins his active duties as surveyor of Adams county on January 1. His bond calls for one thousand dollars and is signed by J. B. Holthouse and John Baker.

The Sheriff. Eli Meyer begins a second term also on January 1. His bond of five thousand dollars is signed by Jacob Huser, Abraham Meyer, Ernst Schlickman, John G. Hoffman, M. Kirsch and C. S. Niblick.

A RARE INVESTMENT. \$5,000 worth of stock in a good live corporation, paying 6 per cent above taxes. With \$1,000 of this stock you can secure a good position. C. Lautenheiser, opp. Court House.

Feed Perless Crushed Oyster shells to raise poultry and eggs profitably. For sale at all drug stores and at Hale's warehouse. 284-12t

WOMEN ARE VICTIMS.

More women than men have piles. It is because they take so little outdoor exercise and are so often constipated. There is a stagnation of blood in the lower bowel, and no amount of cutting or treatment with ointments and suppositories will remove this cause.

Dr. Leonhardt's Hem-Roid, an internal, tablet medicine, will permanently cure any case of piles, removing the cause. Price, \$1 at Holthouse Drug Co. Fully guaranteed. Dr. Leonhardt Co., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y. Write for booklet.

LIFE'S UNCERTAINTY

Demonstrated in the Death of Young Charley Rice

A FEW MOMENTS

Was All That He Lived After Being Struck by Erie Train

A Hammond paper gave the following account of the death of Charley Rice, formerly of this city, and whose funeral occurred here Sunday:

A 15-year-old boy is the latest victim of the railroads. The boy is Charley Rice, son of William Rice, night man in the Hammond building. Charley Rice was employed in the Erie yards as call boy and while on his way to deliver a message last evening he was struck by Erie passenger train No. 3, due in Hammond at 4:45. He did not notice the train's approach because of the fact that he was stepping out of the way of a switch engine, which was coming from the opposite direction. The boy never knew what struck him, he having failed to regain consciousness in the fifteen minutes that he lived. He was rushed to St. Margaret's hospital in Emmerling's ambulance, but all efforts to revive him were hopeless, as his neck was broken and his skull crushed. The inquest was held Saturday morning, and will be conducted by Coroner Shanklin, after which the body was taken to Decatur, Ind., the former home of the boy.

IN HOLLIDAY DRESS

Decatur Stores Beginning to Get Ready for Christmas

HELP THE BUYER

Your Coin Will Go Further at Decatur Stores Than the P. O.

The stores are putting on their holiday dress. Now is the time when small boys and girls come home with wonderful tales of tin swords and beautiful dollies. Some of the older folks are in a quandary like one woman who said "we don't need any furniture this year and I don't know what in the world to get my husband for Christmas. But perhaps the most helpless creature in the whole lot is the busy man who really wants to do the right thing and generally pays two prices for the wrong one. If his wife has a purple waist he is sure to get a red waist, if she is stout he gets a plaid; if she is angular he gets stripes. Any way the carefully hoarded coins are beginning to feel a little uneasy; they are just longing to roll out and bring good cheer to the hearts whose one little extravagance during the whole year is indulged in at this time. To those who have many of the good things of this world, the exchange of Christmas greeting means much. For several weeks little booklets attractively illustrated with helps for Christmas buying have been circulating freely. Take the helps all right, but take your coin to the Decatur stores instead of the P. O. You'll get more for your money and ten to one the merchant knows the color of your wife's suit and can match it for you or the clothier knows the size of your husband's collar and his taste in ties, and if he does not you can exchange unsatisfactory goods on the spot after Christmas.

MONEY TO LOAN—I have plenty of money to loan on farms. No commission charged. Dore B. Erwin, attorney at law. 12t

Candies and Nuts!!

We have by far the biggest line of candies, nuts and fruit of all kinds to be found in the city, and Christmas shoppers will do well to call and see us before buying their supply.

JUST RECEIVED

150 pails of the choicest candies obtainable, and we will give special prices to

School Teachers, Churches and Societies

Oranges, bananas, in fact everything in the delicacies are at

Rinehart, Smith & Parrish
RESTAURANT

2 doors north Schafer Hdw. Co. Call early, it's the old Coffee and Rinehart stand.

Why are You Waiting so Long?

to do your Christmas shopping when others are getting the cream of the stocks by selecting early and having them laid away for them. You don't need any money until you get the goods as we are glad to lay your selections away for you. Come early, get just what you want, then you don't have to take just what you can get. Have it off your mind. We have beautiful presents for everybody, young and old, lady or gentleman. Goods to suit everybody.

Hensley the Jeweler

THE RACKET STORE'S CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

MANY FINE DOLLS

Imagine an Xmas without Dolls! This department is attractive alike to young and old. Here are dolls of every size dressed and undressed, blond dolls, boys' and girl's dolls, kid body, bisque, china, rag, rubber; unbreakable and in fact every kind from 1c to \$3.00

Undressed Dolls

Kid and Jointed Body, beautiful bisque heads, eyes that close, light and dark hair from 10c to \$3.00

Dressed Dolls

Mothers that haven't the time to dress them can find them already toggled up in their beautiful dresses of silk with their shoes and hat to match 10c to \$1.50
DO NOT FAIL TO SEE THEM

Doll Cabs Too

Just like the one the little tots wanted. English Gocarts and cabs for \$3.00. Adjustable Go carts with steel wheels \$1.00 to \$2.50. Folding go carts large enough to haul the baby in \$1.00. Willow go-carts 25c and 50c.

Fancy Articles for the Older Ones

Such as Toilet Articles, Leather Goods, Jewellery, Pictures, Combs Comb and Brush, Shaving and Manicure Sets, Collar, Cuff and handkerchief Boxes, Work Boxes, Toilet Cases, and scores of other things



CHINA DEPARTMENT

We will not take up much space telling you about our China and Lamps for it has been the talk of the town. We have the greatest line of 25 and 50 cent china consisting of salads, plates, cake plates, sugar and creams ever shown in the city, bar none. Don't fail to see it before you buy and come at once for our stock will be low long before Christmas.

Toys, Toys, Toys,

Santa Claus has made our store his headquarters and there is some toy for every member of the family at prices cheaper than doctor bills. HERE ARE A FEW OF THEM.

Tool Chests, Trunks, Wagons, Sleds, Hobby Horses, Tables, Beds, Cradles, Back Boards, Pianos, Drums, Harps, Guns, Knives, Engines, test run, Automobiles, Cats, Dogs, Magic Lanterns, Games, Puzzles, Toy Dishes, in tin, chin and peuter, Books, Fancy Boxes, Horns, Balls, Wash Boards, Tubs and hundreds of other things. Write your letter to Santa Clause, and leave it at our store and we will see that he gets it.

4,500 Pounds of Candy

We haven't got the cheap hard candy that is made for less money than sugar can be bought for but we have the above amount of the best candy ever sold any place for 10c per lb.
DON'T PAY BIG PRICES UNTIL YOU SEE OUR LINE

There will be more toys sold this year than there has been for some time and on account of the past panic, the factories shut down and caused a shortage in toys. We feel safe in saying that there is not half enough toys in the city to supply the wants of the people. We advise you again to buy early and get first choice.

BETTER CHOOSE EARLY AND AVOID THE SCRAMBLE LATER

OUR HOLIDAY STOCK IS NOW READY for your inspection and we now have on display the largest assortment ever shown in Decatur. Unbroken assortment affords the choicest picking. We have gift things for all ages, all fancies, all needs at prices to suit ALL PURSES. Make out your list we will do the rest. Any articles bought now with a small payment will be HELD UNTIL WANTED.

Steele & Weaver

Second Street

Decatur, Indiana