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We have quite a line of them such as

Silver Knives and Forks, Rogers 1847, Desert and Table Spoons, Soup and Gravy Ladles, Berry and Tea Spoons, Jelly Knives and Child's Sets, Carpet Sweepers, the best made

THE CELEBRATED "SAVORY ROASTER"

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New Home Sewing Machines, Paragon Washing Machines, Boy's and Girl's Skates.

A complete line of Graniteware, first quality, also some second quality and at prices that are right. Come in and inspect our goods.

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Christmas Nuts and Candies

The F. V. Mills up town grocery is headquarters for Christmas goods.

DELICIOUS CANDIES AND NUTS
CANNED ROASTING EARS

The first ever shipped to Decatur, all choice ears.

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A. I. C. and Barrington Hall coffees, the best on the market.

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One picture enlarged free of charge by Lyman Bros with each purchase of one dollars worth of Lyman's Vegetable Wonder Soap. Write me a postal, and I will call.

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Bring in your winter clothing

And let Louis Mailand clean and press them. **HE MAKES THEM LOOK LIKE NEW.**

Located Above Model Cigar Store.

L. MAILAND

COME and SEE

It is a privilege to show our beautiful holiday goods and you will oblige us by considering this a personal invitation to call and inspect our extensive line of 5c. and 10c. Christmas novelties and toys.

We have also 1½ tons of candies for the holiday trade. We have quality in our candies. They are the best that can be bought to be sold at 10c. per lb.

MERIT, QUALITY AND FAIR PRICES are awaiting for you here in connection with a great variety of the best section of 5c. and 10c. goods in the city this year, and our seasonable greeting to buyers of gifts is a square deal and a merry Xmas to all.

C. E. BAUGHMAN

Five and Tencent store Opp. Hensleys Jewellery store

Schools Prosper

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bers; 1907, 128 members and 1908 147 members. We think that this plan has also favored the high schools, increased their enrollment and in general is bringing about many good results.

School house construction has received some attention, but more attention is given to the lighting, heating and seating; to the school rooms, outbuildings, and beautifying the school premises. An effort is made to keep the rooms and grounds sanitary, comfortable, cheerful and a suitable place for healthy endeavor; at the same time, keep conditions favorable to consolidation.

The road improvements, recently made in the various townships, are more favorable to school consolidation than ever before. Three trustees have tried transportation of pupils with good success. In one township, three schools are abandoned and the pupils transported in comfortable hacks. The people are now more favorable to such a plan and the present outlook is very good toward complete consolidation in several townships.

Nearly every school in the county has a splendid little library of its own, ranging from a few volumes to many hundred. These are cared for by teacher and pupils, and have become a means of stimulating a reading habit among pupils and patrons. A great interest in Y. P. R. C. books was manifested last year. The schools added to their libraries a number equal to 100 per cent over the previous year. A majority of the trustees are contributing liberally to the purchase of these books. In some cases a special levy is made to meet the additional expense. Adams county has more than 14,000 volumes in her libraries with promise of many more valuable books.

Music is taught in each school of the county. Teachers are required to possess a valid license for this subject as for those already authorized by law, and are duty bound to teach it by a resolution passed by the county board of education. A uniform text has been provided and adopted and a special outline suggested for the teacher's guidance.

A course in agriculture has been suggested to teachers. As yet, very little has been accomplished along this line, because of the inadequacy of our teaching force to treat such a subject as it should be presented. In some of our graded schools, excellent work is being done in nature study. We hope to see this work grow until it receives the recognition it deserves.

The length of term has been increased until we have an average of over seven months for the county and funds sufficient to insure a longer term for 1908-1909.

In conclusion, I am pleased to say that in almost every respect, there is evidence of a healthy growth. However, I realize that much remains to be accomplished in Adams county, and it shall be our earnest effort to work toward the expressed goal.

Very truly,
LAWRENCE OPLIGER,
County Superintendent.

FREE—10c. package Conkey's Laying Tonic and 25c. Poultry Book. Bring ad. to Smith, Yager & Falk. By mail 7c. 249-30t

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Officers Were Elected by the Knights of Columbus Last Night

A SOCIAL SPREAD

Was Given by Misses Lachot and Baumgartner—Other Social News

Misses Bessie Baumgartner and Lila Lachot gave a spread at the county surveyor's office last night in honor of their guest, Miss Jessie Simison, of Berne. A general good time was enjoyed by all present.

At a meeting of the Knights of Columbus held last night officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: G. K., C. S. Niblick; D. G. K., Ben Kohne; Chan., H. J. Yager; Rec. Sec., Joe Lose; Fin. Sec., Dr. H. F. Costello; treasurer, Dyonis Schmitt; advocate, U. Deininger; warden, Nick Miller; inner guard, Albert Colchin; outer guard, Fred Colchin; trustees, Frank Herman, William Harting and John Baker. A good time was enjoyed.

The meeting of the Shakespeare Club to be held at the home of Mrs. D. D. Heller tomorrow afternoon will be delightful.

The social club of the W. R. C. will meet tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Purdy. The election of officers will take place and it is hoped that every member will be present.

The Historical Club will hold their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. A. Lower this evening. Mrs. R. S. Peterson will read the principal paper of the evening.

FOUR MORE MEN

Were Employed by A. Van Camp at Eagle Foundry Yesterday

GOT A BIG ORDER

From Detroit Firm for Car Load of Castings—A Big Business

A. Van Camp, proprietor of the Eagle foundry, received an order from Michaels and Company, of Detroit, Michigan, recently for a car load of castings to be used on hoop and heading machinery. This concern is a mammoth one and disposes of much machinery. Recognizing the fact that Mr. Van Camp sells none but the very best of castings, the management contracted for 50,000 pounds of the iron casting and two weeks time will be required in filling the order and as a consequence of this contract four more men were immediately placed upon the pay roll of the Eagle foundry and will be kept for some little time. This institution is of more importance than is estimated by many Decatur people. Besides employing a large force of men, parts of all kinds of machinery are manufactured at this place and they do not take a back seat for any of their competitors in surrounding cities. The foundry is a credit to Decatur in more ways than one.

I would like to secure a position as a bookkeeper in Decatur. Have taken complete business college course. Address Alvin Lehman, Berne, Indiana. 293-3t

On the top wave of public favor—Try Adair coffee. 209-tt

Christmas Goodies

Are to be found at the PEOPLES RESTAURANT, and we have a line of all kinds of Candies, Nuts Fruits, and unexcelled in the city, and we invite the public to give us a call.

Special Prices to Organizations

Do not fail to call and see us before buying

JACOB MARTIN, Prop.

LOCATES AT BERNE

(Continued from page 4.) with a certain amount of duties. He is clever and will soon be popular in that part of the county, where he already has a number of friends and acquaintances who realize his worth. During the recent campaign he took an active part, speaking in various districts of the county, and thus added to his acquaintanceship. His Berne offices will be located over Schug Bros. store, and within a few days Chauncey will be comfortably located there and ready for clients, or for such other honorable business as comes to his profession. His Decatur friends certainly wish for him all kinds of success.

IN CIRCUIT COURT

Another Slow Day in the Circuit Court Room

A CASE CONTINUED

The Meibers vs. Kintz Case Goes Over—Other Items of Interest

The case of John W. Meibers vs. Henry A. Kintz, a \$75 damage suit, resulting from the purchase of a horse, and set for trial on December 18th, has been continued by agreement.

E. P. Reed & Co. vs. Fred B. Tague account, \$250, motion to make answer more specific overruled. Demurrer filed to 3rd, 4th and 5th paragraphs of answer.

Hunters' licenses were granted J. A. Cline, Charles Shoemaker, Carwin R. Price, and Elias Chrisman.

Real estate transfers: Daniel N. Erwin et al to Vernon L. McGonagle, lot 318 Decatur, \$300.

Attorney C. J. Lutz will leave Monday for Missouri, where he will appear in a law suit of considerable magnitude and will be absent for a week or ten days.

HE ALLUDED NURSES

(Continued from page 4.) nurses were away, went out into the cold and dark night, and going down an alley emerged on Lafayette street. When accosted by the nurse he went willingly back to his room. It is not believed that his trip will prove injurious, though a few minutes more in his slight raiment would have meant his death. His condition is quite serious, and it is feared he may not fully recover.

When Rubbers Become Necessary and your shoes pinch, Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes, is just the thing to use. Try it for Breaking in New Shoes. Sold everywhere, 25c. Sample Free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y. Don't accept any substitute.

BEYOND MEDICAL AID.

G. D. Weathers, Avon, Ky., says: "My hogs were so badly diseased with cholera. I did not think medical aid could possibly save them. I gave them Bourbon Hog Cholera Remedy and it cured them without a single loss." Sold by H. H. Bremerkamp, Decatur, Ind.

Every Woman Will Be Interested.

There has recently been discovered an aromatic, pleasant herb cure for woman's ills, called Mother Gray's Australian-Leaf. It is the only certain regulator. Cures female weaknesses and Backache, Kidney, Bladder and Urinary troubles. At all Druggists or by mail 50 cts. Sample Free. Address, The Mother Gray Co., LeRoy, N. Y.

Let CHRIS MEYER Make ALL YOUR CLOTHES

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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When the Furnace Fails

On many a cold winter morning you will wake to find the fires "out." What are you going to do about it—shiver? Prepare now for the emergency with a

PERFECTION Oil Heater

(Equipped with Smokeless Device)

and you'll have genial, glowing heat—instantly—wherever you want it—without smoke or smell—smokeless device prevents—turn the wick as high or as low as you like. Easily carried about. Brass font holds 4 quarts of oil—burns 9 hours. Handsomely finished in japan and nickel. Every heater warranted.

The **Rayo Lamp** makes cheery the long evening—brilliant, steady light for reading or sewing. Made of brass, nickel plated and equipped with the latest improved central draft burner. Every lamp warranted. If your dealer doesn't carry the Perfection Oil Heater and Rayo Lamp, write our nearest agency for descriptive circular.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY
(Incorporated)



THE MARKET REPORTS

Accurate prices paid by Decatur merchants for various products. Corrected every day at 2 o'clock.

TOLEDO MARKETS.

Wheat, cash	104½
December wheat	104½
Corn, cash	63½
Oats, cash	49½
December oats	49½

PRODUCE.

By Decatur Produce Co.

Eggs	28c
Fowls	8c
Ducks	8c
Geese	7c
Turkey	13c
Spring chicks	8c
Butter	20c
Chicks	8c

DECATUR GRAIN MARKET.

Niblick and Company.

Eggs	28c
Butter	20c
Mixed ear corn	73c
Yellow ear corn	80c
White oats	47c
Wheat	1.00
Red clover seed	4.70
Alsike clover seed	7.50
Timothy seed	1.50
Rye	86c
Barley	50c

PRICES ON COAL.

Chestnut coal	\$7.25
Hocking Valley	3.75
West Virginia splint	4.00
Wash nut	4.00

DECATUR PACKING CO.

The Decatur Packing Company, Phone 81, will pay the following prices for live stock:

Hogs	\$5.10 to \$5.65
Veal Calves	\$6.00 to \$6.25
Cattle	\$3.00 to \$4.00

B. KALVER & SONS...Phone 442.

Beef hides	8c
Calf hides	10c
Sheep pelts	25c to \$1.00
Tallow	4c
Mink	25c to \$4.00
Skunk	20c to \$1.40
Coon	10c to \$1.15
Opossum	5c to 25c
Muskrat	5c to 25c

WANTED TO BUY—a good second-hand organ. Write to C. E. Sullivan, Berne, Ind. 292-6t

FISH! FISH!

Call at fish stand 1st door north Niblick store for fresh fish of all kinds

H. DILLER Prop.

XMAS PHOTOS

Martin Jaberg, located above Nachtrieb Drug store puts out the very best work in Photography.

He does framing and enlarging. Give him a trial.

WANTED—A man and wife of Decatur would like to secure position on a farm. Will work by day, month or year. Have had much experience in farming. Inquire at office of L. C. DeVoss. 292-3t

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Peerless Crushed Oyster Shells

Advantages Gained by the Use of It. It acts as grit and prevents "cholera." It keeps the poultry healthy. It makes hens lay an egg per day. It prevents soft shell eggs. It makes the egg shell strong enough to carry without breaking. It contains many essential components of the egg. It makes eggs larger and heavier. Every poultry house or yard should have a pan or trough full, so that the fowls can have access to them at all times.

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