

Closing Out Sale

\$5,000 stock of China and Notions at almost one-half price.

An opportunity that rarely happens in a life time. Xmas presents by the thousands from the largest and best stock ever exhibited in Decatur at Bargain Counter prices.

Notice our windows and be convinced. Just stop and think—500 hand-painted and fancy plates, reg. price \$1.00, 75c, 65c, and 50c, now only 59c, 49c, 39c, and 29c.

200 fancy Jardinieres, 7, 8 and 10 in., reg. price 50c, 75c, and \$1.00, now only 29c, 39c, and 49c.

Five open lines in Haviland at greatly reduced prices. Hundreds of articles too numerous to mention. Sold at other places for 10c. our price only 5c.

Everybody come. We have enough for all.

Window sale begins Saturday, Dec. 12 at 9 a. m.

MOSEY China and Notion Store

S. J. Rohrig and Peter Schafer went to Fort Wayne today on business.

Calvin Miller returned from a business trip to Winchester last evening.

Ed Vancil, the traveling man, came in last evening after a several days' trip.

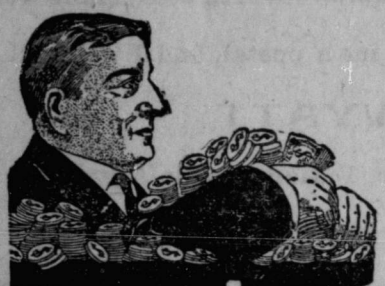
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thomas have gone to Fort Wayne for a brief visit with friends.

A large number of dagoes passed through the city today enroute to St. Louis.

U. E. Cramer went to Fort Wayne this morning to look after business interests.

* **The Better The** *
* **Show** *
* **The More People** *
* **Go** *

* **THE** *
* **GRAND** *
* **"Everybody goes to the** *
* **Grand"** *



Your Money

is indeed poorly protected if YOU guard it. Place it in an institution where it is protected by the best known modern devices and vaults, and where you can check against it at your convenience. You protect yourself best with a checking account—every check when cashed becomes a legal voucher.

Old Adams County Bank



RUBBER FOOT WEAR

We have a complete line for your inspection. See us before you buy your winter outfit. We are headquarters for Xmas presents that are useful to the whole family. Don't fail to come in and look at our line.

J. H. VOGLEWEDE & SON

Opp. Court House

Tel. 399

WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; cooler tonight.

Adam Buettel went to Berne this afternoon to look after business interests.

W. A. Wells, of Geneva, was a caller in our city today and has returned to his home.

Rev. Richard Spetnagle and wife returned last evening from Wayne, where they spent a pleasant day.

Peter Decker, of south Third street, is suffering from an attack of dropsy. His condition is alarming in the extreme.

Squire Joe Liddy, of Berne, was a business visitor to this city last evening being summoned to appear in the Smith vs. Laisure case in the circuit court.

W. G. Kelly, formerly of the Fort Wayne & Springfield company, now employed in the office of the Wabash Valley lines at Fort Wayne, called upon friends here last evening.

Take a peep at the Teeple, Brandyberry & Peterson, show window. It was arranged by Mr. Peterson, and he is deserving of due credit. It may aid you to select the very present you are looking for.

New lockers and seats are to be built at the Palace bowling alleys to better take care of the trade. This is one of the most popular amusement places in Decatur, and there is no winter sport that quite equals ten pins.

Robert Walker has filed suit at Bluffton demanding \$2,500 damages from Fred Crosbie. He alleged that Crosbie's traction engine frightened his horse, causing a runaway in which Walker sustained a broken leg last spring.

Street Commissioner James Stults was making an effort to clean Second street this morning, but the ice and snow persists in sticking, and about one coat was all he could take off. Another day or two of thaw will make it possible to clean up.

The Schafer Saddlery Company are meeting with splendid success in their wholesale department. Mr. W. L. Watts, who is traveling salesman for the firm, reports the orders coming in nicely and the firm will soon be one of the biggest concerns of the kind in the country.

The mail carriers are already beginning to notice the increase of the mails brought on by the holidays. At present few presents are being sent, the increase being caused by the increase in trade, caused by approaching Christmas. The mail carriers each trip go out loaded with mail.

While hunting near his home six miles north of Huntington, Wednesday afternoon, Charles Hollenbeck, 25 years old, had a narrow escape from death. While loading a double-barreled shotgun, the weapon was discharged accidentally and a good portion of the load entered Hollenbeck's face.

Goshen parties have purchased a half interest in the fruit can lid invented by George Loff, of Garrett, and are now making the machinery necessary for its manufacture on a large scale. This is a can lid which it is claimed will keep the fruit air tight and can be opened or closed easily.

Fred Schafer and Albert Graber returned last evening from Union City, where they have been for several days, looking over the big line of buggies made by the Union City Carriage company. They left an order for three car loads of these rigs which will be delivered here next spring for the customers of the Schafer Hardware company.

Senator Beveridge has introduced in congress a bill to provide \$80,000 for the purchase of a site and the election of a postoffice building at Huntington. Another measure proposes to relieve Postmaster Crabb, of South Bend, for liability for stamps to the value of \$18,653.50, which were stolen in the recent robbery of the South Bend postoffice.

At the meeting of the board of directors at Winona last week Dr. A. G. Gorrell was elected with R. A. Hatfield as one of the directors of the school for young women at that now famous resort. Mr. Gorrell will accompany Mr. Hatfield to Winona on Wednesday next to meet with the board for the first time where their duties will be explained and the need the object of the school will be fully presented.—Ossian News.

Fred Hoffman will no doubt leave his dog at home, hereafter, when he meets a train. This afternoon he went to the G. R. & I. station, the dog following him and just as the train started the canine jumped aboard, went inside a coach and looked out the window as would a person. Mr. Hoffman telegraphed to Monroe, asking Agent Hendricks to capture the animal, which he did, and sent him back on the afternoon train.

Raymond Bremerkamp made a business trip to Portland this afternoon.

Deputy Prosecutor Lautzenheiser is getting on nicely at Berne, and seems to like the place real well. He is located over the Schug hardware store.

Dr. Raymond G. Knoff is located over the well known drug store of Stengel & Craig and is getting a good start in his new professional home at Berne.

W. H. Fledderjohann and Charles Dirksen went to Berne this afternoon to transact business in the interest of the Fort Wayne & Springfield interurban company.

Attorney D. E. Smith went to Geneva this afternoon and this evening will go to Bolds school house to be toastmaster at an entertainment to be given at that place.

David Studabaker is greatly improved today and is out of danger. His fever has broken and he was today given the first nourishment he has had for several days.

The Grand will show the great feature film of western life "The Fatal Card." As good a show as ever shown in the city. Miss Niblick will sing the great "Barn Dance."

The graniteware at the Schafer store is meeting the approval of all who try it, and many of the ladies of this community will welcome some of these goods as Christmas gifts.

A resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to wait on the railroad officials and protest against week-end Chicago excursions was adopted at a meeting of the Fort Wayne Retail Merchants' association. A policy of discrimination against any road refusing to discontinue the rates was indorsed. Merchants say that the week-end excursions have had a bad effect on business at Fort Wayne.

An agreement has been made recently and contracts signed between Wm. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) and Major W. C. Lilly (Pawnee Bill) for the consolidation of their two wild west shows and the new combination will appear next year under the name of "The Wild World." Both of these shows have appeared in Decatur in years past, but it will hardly get the privilege of fattening the box office of the combination in the future.

Friday the county commissioners of Wells county and the commissioners of Adams county will meet here in joint session at which time the viewers' report on the county line gravel road will be gone over and accepted or rejected. This is the road over which there was considerable kick and which the petitioners had to ask the court to order the two boards of commissioners to meet before they would get together.—Bluffton Banner.

The postmaster urges all to prepare to send their Xmas letters and parcels early. The mails are so crowded a day or so before Xmas that the delivery is universally delayed in spite of the best efforts of Uncle Sam all over the country. The great increase of mail from and to Decatur at Xmas time makes it absolutely necessary to utter a warning and a request that people will give the postal men an opportunity to serve them by not overcrowding at the last moment.

The Cincinnati Reds earned for their owners during the past season 13 1/2 per cent on the capital stock of the Cincinnati Exhibition company, it was announced today. That means that when the books were balanced at the end of the season there was a bundle of financial returns in the club barrel that totaled about \$40,000. And in figuring up the expenses of the club, which were not placed in the profit column, the fact must not be overlooked that the management spent upward of \$25,000 for new players.

A county clearing house is being planned by the DeKalb County Bankers' association as a result of a meeting held at Auburn last week, at which every bank in the county was represented. A committee for the purpose of drawing plans is composed of Dr. Hines and Jonas Schloss, of Auburn, and T. J. Knisely, of Butler. It is not proposed to have a permanent establishment as there are in the cities, but the banks will have rules governing them and there will be a mutual understanding that will insure to the benefit of all of them.

The second annual meeting of the Indiana Shippers' association was held in Indianapolis this week with about 300 of the largest shippers in the state present. The association has rendered invaluable service to the state railroad commission during its two years of existence and it has also done much to equalize the coal rates to a great extent. At the present time considerable interest is being directed toward a public utility law and this discussion at the present meeting will very likely result in its being brought before the next session of the legislature. Several prominent men from out of the state will be present and before the next session of the legislature the most important ever held in the middle west by shippers and manufacturers.



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Mrs. Grace Syphers, of east of the city, is the guest of Miss Nellie Nichols.

Mrs. M. F. Smith went to Fort Wayne this afternoon for a short visit with friends.

Report came from Beaver county, Oklahoma, of the death of Otto Brunner, known to many in these parts. He is a nephew of Emil Brunner northwest of town. The deceased visited his relatives here last summer.—Berne Witness.

A serious but not fatal cutting affray took place on the streets of Dunkirk, Wednesday night, and as a result a Mr. Ellison is badly cut and scarred from the effects of the wounds inflicted by Warren Jones, who wielded a razor with apparent deadly intentions.

Jesse Smith, proprietor of the Peach Cafe and restaurant at Garrett, Ind., called on friends here today. He reports business as good. He and his son Harry will return this evening. Mr. Smith has not decided just when he will move to Garrett, probably not before spring.

Carl Christy, son of John Christy, of Blue Creek township, was here last week from his home at Richmond, Ind., to spend a few days at the parental home, and also visited with his uncle, Dr. S. K. Christy. He is a fireman on the Big Four, having a passenger run between Richmond and Cincinnati.—Willshire Herald.

The farmers' institute will be held at Berne, January 4, 1909. The lecturers for the day will be Mrs. Calvin a teacher in Purdue university, who has the reputation of being one of the best lady institute workers in the state, and A. G. Beskhardt, of Tipton county, a practical farmer and successful institute worker. Several local speakers will also appear on the program and President Moses expects to make the event a very successful one.

J. L. and A. J. Sipe were transacting business at the county seat Wednesday. The latter gentleman, whose physical condition but a few months ago was such that his recovery was doubted, is now in pretty good health again, and is able to follow his work on his farm east of town. He is almost a new man. His condition, however, is not altogether good and it is his intention to undergo an operation at Indianapolis likely in the near future.—Berne Witness.

Chauncey Lautzenheiser, who has been practicing law in Decatur, Ind., since last summer, has been appointed deputy prosecutor for the Berne district of Adams county, and will shortly move his office to Berne. Chauncey is a son of Norman Lautzenheiser of Blue Creek township, and has many friends in and about Willshire who will be pleased to learn of his advancement. He is a deserving young man, and is applying himself assiduously to the mastery of his chosen profession.—Willshire Herald.

Mr. E. L. Browne, of Toledo, district passenger agent of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad, and the Chicago & Alton railroad, was a Willshire visitor, Wednesday. He was here in response to the local demand for better passenger service on the part of the people of Willshire and vicinity, and made a general and systematic canvass of the business men of this village. A petition sent into Clover Leaf headquarters a few weeks ago together with an editorial in the Herald one week ago is responsible for the consideration shown our people by Mr. Browne and the company he represents, and we are hopeful that because of his visit much good will result to the public because of his interview of our people.—Willshire Herald.

You probably have your own idea made up as to the kind of overcoat you will wear this winter. Is it isn't a Hart Schaffner, & Marx or Clothcraft Overcoat guess again; you're apt to make a mistake if you dont buy one of these makes.

You'll find them here and they are the best clothes made. We sell them because that's what we stand for and you stand for. We offer you profit in clothes buying, as good profit as we make in selling.

H. S. & M. OVERCOATS - - - \$15 to \$25
CLOTHCRAFT " - s - 10 to 15
Good values in " - - \$4, 6.50, 7.50

We'd be glad to show you our Overcoats if you'll give us a chance, it's worth your while.

SPECIAL—Do your Xmas shopping early while assortments are complete.

Holthouse, Schulte & Co.

Good Clothes Sellers for Men and Boys

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.

11 Days More

To Do Your Christmas Shopping

The question of Holiday Gifts must be considered in time to save yourself hurry and worry.

If you are inclined to make presents of gifts without any intrinsic value the hardware store is not the place to look for them. If on the other hand you wish to please your friends with something that is useful our store is a good place to spend your money

GRANITE WARE

Those persons who have taken advantage of our graniteware sale know we have just what we announced we had. A car load of graniteware at one half the regular price. While we have had a very large sale on this ware our stock is still good. We are now unpacking the last 25 cases and they are ready for sale.

We guarantee to sell you any piece of graniteware in this stock at less than half price.

Let us show you if you have not seen the stock.

SILVERWARE

Roger Bros. Knives and Forks at \$3.25 a set, 6 knives and 6 forks, fancy or plain handles, regular \$4.50 goods.

Roger Bros. Dessert and Table Spoons \$1.50 a set of six, regular \$3.00 goods.

All fancy pieces such as Berry Spoons, Meat forks Gravey Ladles, etc., at the same low price.

SPECIAL

JEWEL CASES, Gold or Silver finish 45¢ each Regular \$1.00 goods. A large and complete line of Chaffing dishes, 5 o'clock Teas, Baking Dishes, Coffee Pots, Tea Kettles, fine Carving Sets, Razors, Shears, Pocket Knives.

SCHAFAER'S Up-to-Date Hardware Store