

Until Now

The like has never been experienced in the History of Decatur. That you could purchase from the largest and most carefully picked stock of China, Cut Glass, Dry Goods, Notions and Novelty Goods of every description at almost half price.

No one should go without an Xmas present when an opportunity like this presents itself.

Call at once and make your selection as this Mammoth Stock must be closed out regardless of profit.

MOSEER China and Notion Store

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Saturday; colder tonight.

Save half on groceries. See Charles Hendricks, phone 580.

The new system of trading—see Charles Hendricks or phone 580.

100 pounds of granulated sugar for \$1.75. See Charles Hendricks, phone 580.



Conservative

Careful management—the acme of prompt, courteous service, everything consistent with good banking—you secure when you open a checking account here. A checking account will relieve you of many exasperating troubles and disputes—protect you thoroughly. Investigate.

Old Adams County Bank

OUR BOYS

Must be thought of when we are making out the list of Christmas gifts. We can help you because we sell goods that please the boys.

Sleighs 25c TO \$1.50
Express Wagons . . . 75c TO \$4
Velocipedes and Push Cars
Ice and Roller Skates . 25c TO \$1
Pocket Knives 5c TO \$1
Air guns, rifles and Skate sharpeners

Boys buy your mother or sister a few pieces of our fine Bargain Graniteware. We will sell you more than you can carry for \$1.00

SCHAFER'S Up-to-Date Hardware Store

A CLOSE OUT SALE

of Men's and Boy's High Top Shoes. Every pair must go at \$50c. and \$1.00 less than the regular selling price. Just thinking for the boy this kind of weather.

J. H. VOGLEWEDE & SON
Opp. Court House Tel. 399

Ed Vancil, the traveling salesman, left this afternoon for Geneva, on his regular trip.

Mrs. J. E. Moser is still in very bad health and her condition today was not any better.

Samuel Simson, of Berne, returned home this afternoon after attending to business duties here.

John Magley, the Monmouth merchant, was attending to business affairs here this morning.

Attorney Paul G. Hooper, of the firm of Hooper & Lenhart, made a business trip to Fort Wayne this morning.

Jacob Habegger, one of the best known citizens of Berne, was here today, and returned home on the afternoon train.

Mr. Cris Neuenschwander, of Berne, was a business visitor in the city this morning and in the meantime called on many of his friends and acquaintances.

John Kirsch, the shirt man from Chicago, has concluded his semi-annual canvass of Decatur and left for Fort Wayne, where he will pester the patrons of his house.

Hon. Levi Mock has returned from Winchester, where he was called to the bedside of his uncle, Enos Watson, father of James Watson, who is seriously ill. Mr. Watson cannot rise in bed and the end is expected soon.—Bluffton Banner.

Attorneys Frank B. Jaqua, Jacob F. Denney and W. F. MacGinnitie went to Decatur on the seven o'clock train Thursday morning, where they took a part in the suit of Pemla Silvers vs. W. F. MacGinnitie. The trial was before Judge Merryman.—Portland Sun.

Tomorrow is Christmas Saturday, meaning, of course, the last Saturday before the great holiday, and on this occasion the trading is always brisk. Decatur merchants are preparing for the biggest day of the year in the number of sales if not the amount.

Pupils in the Poneto schools Tuesday undertook the old-time prank of locking the teachers out of the building. Principal Garwick and the two teachers, Miss Double and Miss Kizer, collaborated in dealing with the situation, and seventeen of the pupils were given a lively "tanning."

Only four more days for Christmas shopping, but they are the big ones. If you get anything now you will have to get in the push. The only way we know to save you trouble and annoyance is to read the advertisements in the Daily Democrat and thus know just what you want when you start out.

With the grouping of counties in the new federal court division the first district is composed of the counties of Elkhart, Allen, DeKalb, Steuben, LaGrange, Noble, Kosciusko, Wabash, Miami, Huntington, Whitley, Wells, Adams, Blackford and Jay. The court of this division will be held at Fort Wayne.

Riley Ferguson, in jail two months at Columbia City for contempt of court in his failure to pay \$2 a week for the support of his two children, the custody of whom was awarded to his divorced wife, has been released. Judge Wrigley gave him the admonition to go to work and earn the money necessary to pay the amount.

One of the oldest hotel buildings in northern Indiana, erected half a century ago at Fairfield Center, DeKalb county, has just been torn down. The hotel was built of hewed timber, lined with fine yellow poplar plank, and was erected at a time when Fairfield Center promised to be a metropolis of northern Indiana.

On his way down to dinner this afternoon John W. Terrell, confined in the jail, got on the war path and kicked out two of the windows in the jail corridor. He was coming down the corridor when, without any warning, he suddenly shoved his foot through two panes of the glass. Sheriff Lipkey heard the racket and rushing up to the man forced him back to his cell.—Bluffton Banner.

Charming Grace Cameron comes to the Bosse on Tuesday, Dec. 22, in what is promised to be the musical hit of the season. It is called "Little Dolly Dimples" and affords Miss Cameron more scope to display her ability than any company in which she has yet been seen. She is surrounded by a company of sixty well known comedians, singers and musicians. This is the second year of this successful attraction.

The last word received from Charles Quick, who is an inmate of the Plymouth sanitarium is to the effect that he is in good health and is well satisfied with his treatment. He wrote his son-in-law Godfrey Ashbaucher to that effect this morning. Mr. Ashbaucher also received a letter recently from the authorities at the sanitarium to the effect that Mr. Quick was able to take a long walk within the past few days and that he experienced very little fatigue as a result of his exertions.—Bluffton News.

State Agent Cromer, of the Home Insurance company, was here today calling on his local agent, L. C. Helm.

Merchants who want space for next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are requested to get copy ready as early as possible on Monday morning as possible.

Charles Dunn, the hustling representative for the Watkins Remedy company, left this afternoon for Rushville, where he will look after some important affairs.

It snowed a little this afternoon and the boys and girls have visions of Santa and his reindeers and are counting the nights until time to hang up the stockings.

John Nussbaum, of Eckman, North Dakota, are visiting relatives and friends at Berne. When he left home the thermometer was registering thirty-two degrees below zero, which is some cold.

Mrs. Z. O. Lowellen, of Monroe, and Misses Ella and Bessie Mason, of Muncie, Indiana, returned to their homes this morning after several days as the guests of E. B. Macy and family of this city.

The various schools and churches are practicing for the entertainments to be given on Christmas eve or some other time very close thereto. These events are always of exceeding interest and the parents should attend.

The Ward Fence company, Krick & Tyndall, Furnace company, Egg Case factory and all the other manufacturing concerns in Decatur are preparing for a big business for next year, and are busy just now closing up the year 1908.

Mrs. Don L. Quinn is entertaining a number of her lady friends at a thimble party this afternoon at her home on west Monroe street, the honor guest being Mrs. E. J. Wilson, of Boston, formerly Miss Mary Myers of this city.

Rev. F. Hartman, of Berne, will give his lecture "My Trip to Palestine" at Salem on next Tuesday evening. Rev. Hartman is a fine talker and upon this particular subject, he does himself proud. There will be no admission fee charged.

Dr. Buckmaster, a former Adams county boy, was here yesterday and said he was getting along fine in his new home and liked it and the people immensely. For a short time he was located at Monroe, but for the past several months has been at Montpelier.

W. W. Watts, the man who sells the Schafer Saddlery company's line of harness, came in this afternoon from a trip through the northern part of the state. He says the orders are coming in nicely and the firm is more than pleased with the way their wholesale department is starting off.

Niblick and Company have something to say to you today concerning your Christmas shopping. It will pay you to read every word of the big half page advertisement. They advertise what they do, and do what they advertise, two very necessary requirements in a big store like the Niblick concern.

F. P. Parmin, of Fort Wayne, the traveling passenger agent for the Nickel Plate, was in the city today looking after business for his company, which is one of the great railroads of the country. Mr. Parmin has just recently acquired his present position, and as he is a railroad man of long standing and experience, will fill the place all over.

Mrs. F. V. Mills has received word that her mother arrived at Asheville, South Carolina, with no ill effects from the long and tiresome journey. She will spend the winter there with her daughter, Mrs. Reynolds, and it is thought that the change in climate will prove beneficial to her health, which has not been the best during the last few months.

The Red Cross stamps will be on sale here within a day or two and each person in Decatur should buy one or more. They are only one cent each, no one makes a cent of profit except the society and the money is used to fight the tuberculosis plague. The stamps are appropriate for Christmas packages, letters and post cards and you should do your share.

Don't pay unnecessary and wasteful expenses of old system dealers. Try the new. See Charles Hendricks, Decatur, Ind. Phone 580.

MORE LIGHT

at a less price 4-8-16 c. p. guaranteed light bulbs 15c each. Each lamp is guaranteed by us. Have just received 1,000.

Tungstrol lamps all sizes in stock.

Schafers Up-To-Date Hdw. Store

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD

SHE CAME TO DECATUR

To buy her husband a new safety razor

She looked all around but nothing did please

So she came down to Laman & Lee's

We have the very best line to select a Christmas Present from for both old and young. We will be pleased to show you Cutlery of all descriptions, Roasters, Graniteware, Carpet Sweepers, Sleds, Skates, Wagons, Air Rifles, Robes, Whips, Blankets, Wringers, Washing Machines, Sewing Machines, Shurpes Cream Separators, Edison phonographs etc. The above articles are first class, and we kindly invite your inspection. Wishing you a Merry Christmas we remain Yours Truly,

LAMAN & LEE

Headquarters for the Best of Everything in Their Line

Sheriff Eli Meyer went to Berne this afternoon to subpoena witnesses for the Christine Kuntz case which will be tried next Monday, being a suit on account.

Business at Ossian has increased sufficiently to warrant the advance of the postoffice there from the fourth to the third class after January 1. The salary of the postmaster will be \$1,100 a year.

Manford D. Yontz, of Indianapolis, who represents the W. B. Burford stationery company, was looking after affairs in this city today. The Burford company has furnished the court house supplies here for a number of years.

John L. Pickering, 23 years old, of Keyser, Ky., was in Goshen Tuesday and was married to Mrs. Phoebe Rohrer, 48, the widow of a rich farmer. Mrs. Rohrer Pickering is the mother of seven children, the oldest one being older than her new husband.

It looks very much as though we will get snow soon.

SMOKE DECATUR-MADE CIGARS.

HOLIDAY CLEARANCE SALE

OF OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF

Holiday Goods

GOING AT PRICES LESS THAN COST. DO NOT FAIL TO COME EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH. THESE GOODS MUST GO AS WE NEED THE MONEY. ❀❀❀

Smith, Yager & Falk