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WEATHER

Fair tonight and Sunday.

Miss Bertha Heller is at home from Alexandria for the holidays.

Elwood Blazer went to Fort Wayne this morning to transact business.

Fred Kolter, of Magley, came to the city this morning to look after business interests.

Mrs. Emma Smith, of Piqua, Ohio, has arrived in the city for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Doak.

A number of Decatur people are planning to go to Fort Wayne tomorrow night to attend the show at the Majestic.



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Opp. Court House

Tel. 399

The First National Bank is busy sending out beautiful 1909 calendars which are very attractive to say the least.

Will Richard is serving as an extra conductor on the interurban railway, and has been learning his duties this week.

James Murphy went to Fort Wayne this morning to look after business interest which require his immediate attention.

Miss Fearne Leas, of Waterloo, has arrived in the city for a several days' visit with her cousin, Mrs. R. Earl Peters.

R. E. Peters has resumed duties at this office after being detained for a day on account of a severe case of tonsillitis.

Little Richard Archbold, who has been suffering from a very severe attack of acute tonsillitis all week, is some better today.

There are but few traveling men on the road at present as many have gone home for Christmas. It is not likely that they will start out again until February.

There is not much sickness in Adams county at present, according to reports from physicians, regardless of the changeable weather.

Dr. C. B. Wilcox will return this evening from a business trip to St. Louis, Michigan. He has been looking after his newspaper plant at that place.

F. C. Gardner, of Indianapolis, who worked as an umpire in the I.O. League when Decatur was a member, has been signed as one of the regular men in the Central league.

Rehearsals are going on for the musical which will be given by the Sisters of St. Agnes December 29th at the Bosse opera house, and from present indications it will eclipse all former similar events.

The First National bank was busy today putting out calendars for the year 1909. The cards are as handsome as usual this year, and are received with due appreciation by the various patrons of the bank.

Christmas comes but once a year, so let's celebrate it in a merry, happy and christian way, and while having a good time on that day think a little at least what the holiday stands for and why it is celebrated.

On Christmas night an excellent program will be rendered at the United Brethren church. A cantata consisting of dialogues and beautiful musical selections will be in order. The public is invited to attend and enjoy the festivities.

Misses Frances Merryman, Frances Bryson and Pansy Bell arrived home today from Depauw university and will enjoy the Christmas holidays with their parents and friends. The girls have been getting along in dandy fashion at college.

Those who are to take part in the cantata to be rendered at the M. E. church one week from tomorrow night are requested to be present at the church tonight for rehearsal. The entertainment is to be very interesting and will be witnessed by many.

The city schools will close next Thursday and will convene one week from the following Monday, giving a ten days' vacation, which will be duly appreciated by the students, also the teachers, many of whom have plans made for the time.

Musical people such as the Shubert Musical Four, the Musical Russell have deserted the ranks of vaudeville and will be seen at the Bosse with Grace Cameron in "Little Dolly Dimples." The recruits from the polite and "sometimes continuous" will render their various specialties as well as appear in prominent roles.

Martin Burgman, of Hoagland, died Thursday night after a long illness with tuberculosis. He was twenty-three years old and had a large circle of friends. He is survived by his father, Henry Burgman, and three brothers. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from the German Lutheran church in Fort Wayne.

Dr. J. C. Grandstaff of Preble, was in the city last evening and said the scarlet fever epidemic in that portion of the county had caused the quarantine of several homes, including the Daniels, White, Kirchner and Tumbeson households, and while the cases are all getting along nicely, there is of course more or less uneasiness concerning same and the people will feel greatly relieved when the disease is wiped out.

The report to the grand lodge of the I. O. O. F. just made showed the total number of lodges in the state on June 30 to have been 749, and the total membership to have been 76,294, the net accessions having been 1,375 for the preceding six months. A balance in the treasury of \$18,637 was shown. The report of the building committee showed the total cost of construction to have been \$514,432.95 and the total cost of decorations and furniture to have been \$17,836.56.

PLAN FARMERS INSTITUTE.

Vice Presidents Held Interesting Meeting Today.

The vice presidents of the Adams County Farmers' Institute held an executive session at the office of Ed S. Moses this morning, where the preliminaries of the January meeting to be held at Decatur court house were gone over. A new feature will be added to this year's program in that prizes will be given on corn. First prize on ten ears of white corn will be \$2; second prize \$1.00; third, 50c., and the same on yellow corn. Exhibitors must notify county chairman on or before January 26.

SECURING DATA FOR CONTEST

Republicans Sent Indianapolis Attorney Here Today.

Attorney Hubbard and wife of Indianapolis, were here today representing the state republican committee. They visited the clerks office and took some data to be used at the contest to take place at the legislature. They went over the canvassing sheets and the sealed bags and made a few notes none of which were of very great importance so they said. They have visited seventeen counties and have found errors totaling four. They left at noon for Indianapolis.

True & Runyon have a Christmas announcement in today's issue that you should be sure to read.

"Uncle Jack" Tyner, one of the oldest residents of Wabash county, living three miles south of Wabash, demonstrated to his son that, although he was a man of eighty-three years, he was still young in strength, when he lifted a barrel of salt, weighing probably 300 pounds, from the bed of a wagon and carried it a distance of thirty feet, depositing it on the steps to the cellar.

Charles Hocker is again in possession of the gold medal given by the Canton of the I. O. O. F. order each month to the prize drill. The medal has been held for the past month by Frank Wisner, but at the meeting last evening Charles Hocker was higher in points than any other member present. The Canton members are looking forward to a great time on inspection night, which will be held within the next month. Major General Perrin, of South Bend, will have charge of the inspection and in his honor the members will prepare a banquet.—Bluffton Banner.

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To The Cabinet

(Continued from page 1.) men inside congress and men outside of that body, are coming to believe that it would be a fine thing if the free service of the postoffice department should be abolished. Its abolition would wipe out and remove a standing temptation to men to use the free privileges dishonestly. The reports covering the special weighing of the mail for a six months' period last year furnish the first reliable data as to what the free service amounts to. The estimated weigh of the free mail matter carried during a year is 76,355,738 pounds. If this mail all paid postage at the regular rate it would bring into the treasury \$20,881.239. In addition to this free second-class matter, the department carried free mail of its own, which, if it had been paid for, would have brought in a revenue of over \$21,000,000.

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