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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

"Just my luck," said the pessimist when informed that tomorrow would be one of the shortest days of the year, "Sunday, my day of rest, and to have it cut short in that way is an outrage." Poor fellow, he should remember that the nights are proportionately long and that he will have more time to sleep.—Muncie Press.

Steel trust now admits it can make steel and make money without the present protective schedules. But it can make steel so much cheaper than its smaller competitors that to remove the tariff or even to modify it too much would spell ruin for its adversaries in business. The solicitude of the steel trust for its little competitors is touching to a degree that is

equaled only by its steadfast purpose to sell its products to the poor foreigner cheaper than to its money-hoarding American customers. Verily, the steel trust is an embodied philanthropy.—Port Wayne Sentinel.

MAY PIPE GAS HERE.

Company Asks for Franchise in Wells County.

Bluffton, Ind., Dec. 20.—What is said to be the opening of a gas line in Bluffton was started yesterday when officials of the Indiana Lighting company appeared before the county commissioners and asked for and were granted a franchise to lay pipe lines along the highway between this city and Port Wayne. The franchise grants the laying of a four-inch line between Port Wayne and Kingsland, and a three-inch line from Kingsland to Bluffton, also a three-inch line from Kingsland east to the county line indicating an intention to ask for a franchise from the Adams county commissioners for a franchise that will permit them to pipe gas to Decatur.

NO HUNTING—The undersigned will prosecute all persons hunting on his land without consent. John D. Werling. 203-61

WANT TO BUY—C. M. Foreman, of Willshire, wants to buy a second-hand, rolltop office desk. Notify him by letter. 303-41

LOST—A pair of brown, undressed kid gloves. Were left in some store or office. Finder please return to Jeff Bryson or to this office.

Home Made Candy 2000 Pounds

Which we are going to sell at 10 cents a lb.

500 Fancy Box 25c to \$5.00 each

The most complete line of Nuts, foreign and Domestic, in the shell and out of the shell.

FRUITS OF ALL KINDS

Just come in and see for yourself. At Interurban Station

COLCHIN & JOSEPH

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Anderson & Baker

Again the Santa Claus
headquarters for Candies,
Nuts, etc. Special attention
given to school and church.

Anderson & Baker

It Will Not Do

To present your wife with a grindstone for a Holiday Gift. We have other goods more suitable. Is there not something in this list that would please you?

Solid Silver Fancy Table Ware
Rodgers Plated Ware, new designs
Chafing Dishes and Five O'Clock Teas
Nickel plated Tea and Coffee Pots
Shears and Scissors of all kinds and sizes
Fine assortment and stock of Bargain Granite
Ware at less than one-half regular price
Fine new stock of Aluminum Ware
Thimbles, Irons, Teakettles, Coffee Pots, Kettles
of all kinds

SCHAFFER'S
Up-to-Date Hardware Store

CHRISTMAS COSTS

Estimated That a Hundred Millions Dollars Will Be Spent in New York

GIFTS AND FOODS

The Wine Bill Alone Will Be a Neat Item—Other Expenses

New York, Dec. 19.—The first \$100,000 Christmas in the history of the country, so far as any single city is concerned, will be New York's record next Friday. When Father Knickerbocker sits down the day after to figure up the cost of his celebration he is likely to find it in excess of this figure. Reports from stores of all kinds show that at least \$75,000,000 will have been spent on presents and incidentals, such as dinners, entertainments and charities, will easily raise the total above the hundred million mark. Outside of actual presents themselves, the biggest item in this record-breaking Christmas bill will be for food. Not less than 2,000,000 oysters will be consumed and the estimated total of various other items which will be used in Christmas dinners is as follows: Six hundred thousand pounds of butter 700,000 pounds of turkey, 3,000 roast pigs, 300,000 pounds of beef, 75,000 eggs, 15,000 lobsters, 5,000 game birds, 10,000 pounds of chestnuts, 250,000 pounds of potatoes, 500,000 quarts of milk, and 2,500,000 quarts of wines and liquors. These are only the major items of the record-breaking Christmas dinner. On presents it is estimated that New Yorkers will spend \$50,000,000 and out-of-town people who do their Christmas shopping here \$25,000,000 more. The most expensive single purchase yet recorded was for jewelry, amounting to \$300,000. More than 200 automobiles, it is reported will be given as Christmas presents, and stocking in all parts of the city will bulge with gifts of a costly nature. After the lean Christmas last year, as a result of the panic, Father Knickerbocker is apparently anxious to make up for lost time, with the result that this year's Christmas will be the most expensive ever known.

DRY GOODS STORES WILL CLOSE

Our stores will be closed all day on Friday, December 25th on account of Christmas. Please govern yourselves accordingly:

Niblick & Company.
True & Runyon.
M. Fullenkamp.
Kuebler & Moltz. 302-61

NOTICE

All persons having bills against the City of Decatur are requested to present same on the last of every month. 302-61 City Council.

LOST—A gold bracelet with a lion's head design in a green pad somewhere on the uptown streets Sunday afternoon or evening. Finder please leave at this office. 303-31

THE GRAND

"LIFE OF A BOOTBLACK."

Comedy Drama of 15 Minutes.

"SALOON DANCE"

Illustrated song.

"Under the Tropical Moon"

By Miss Niblick

"Everybody goes to the

Grand"

MORE LIGHT

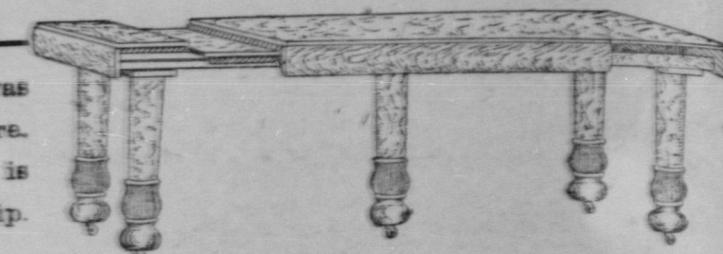
at a less price 4-8-16 c. p. guaranteed light bulbs 15c each. Each lamp is guaranteed by us. Have just received 1,000.

Tungstron lamps all sizes in stock.

Schafer's Up-To-Date Hdw. Store

Another Big Special

A \$350 GUARANTEED PIANO FOR \$217 Think of it



Our recent offer to sell a standard piano for \$148 was quickly "gobbled up." Now we offer you this unprecedented bargain, a \$350 piano for \$217. This offer is good until January 1st. No longer. Don't let it slip.

We are also headquarters for everything in the furniture line for Xmas. Beds, Tables, Chairs, Hall trees, Mirrors, Cabinets, Dressers, Book cases, Davenports and everything else. Call at once.

MOSES & MEYER

SOCIAL COLUMN

Meeting of Gleaners Held
With Naomi Dugan
Saturday

OTHER SOCIAL NEWS

Mrs. Fred Sellemeyer Entertains at a Sunday
Dinner

A very interesting meeting of the Gleaners was held with Naomi Dugan Saturday afternoon. The girls are taking up different writers and giving selections from their books or whatever they wish to give out, for study. This meeting was the study of Ruth with its historic relations. Ira Erwin having charge, and directed the study with very great interest to all, and the following poem by Stella Perkins entitled "The Gleaners" we think worthy of more than passing notice:

From Judea's sundried country,
Where famine had spread dismay
There came one day four travelers
To a heathen land to stay.

The travelers were one woman,
Her husband and two sons,
The sons married Ruth and Ophra
So the story runs.

The woman's name was Naomi,
And when her husband died
She left her stay and protector
Had fallen by her side.

And when her sons died also
She realized in truth
That all her friends had vanished
Except Ophra and Ruth.

She then resolved to travel
Back to her native land;
For God had blessed that country
With harvests richly grand.

So Ruth and Ophra started
To speed her on her way;
But Ophra went back home again
Before the close of day.

But now Ruth loved her mother,
Therefore she still did cleave
In spite of the entreaties made
For her to take her leave.

And from the story of this maid
In friendship true alway
We have the good foundation
Of our Gleaner's club today.

Ruth Bohler gave a very fine piano selection. The "Queerest Christmas" read by Francis Laman, was a very pretty Christmas story. Naomi Dugan then gave "Up in a Swing" a piano solo. This ended the afternoon's program. Dorothy Dugan by request played two very pretty selections after which delicious refreshments were served by Miss Frances Dugan and Dorothy.

clined Mrs. Frank Christen, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. France, Mr. and Mrs. Bert France. The invitation list also included Mr. and Mrs. F. E. France of Muskogee, Okla., but they were forced to decline on account of sickness or a previous engagement or something.

THE RURAL CARRIERS

Would Like to Be at Home on Christmas

The Most Useful Xmas Gifts

are those which are practical, they will always be highly appreciated.

Allow us to suggest some useful gifts for Men and Boys:

SUITS, **CUFFS,**
SHIRTS, **GLOVES,**
HOSIERY, **COLLARS,**
TROUSERS, **MUFFLERS,**
RAINCOATS, **OVERCOATS,**
NECKWEAR, **HANDK'RCFS,**
UMBRELLAS, **UNDERWEAR, FANCY VESTS,**

We have gifts from

10c up to \$25

and any one of them will be appreciated by the Men-folks.

Remember your trading time is growing short so trade as early as possible, while assortments are still complete.

**Holthouse,
Schulte & Co.**

Good Clothes Sellers for Men and Boys.



Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conter entertained last evening and the occasion was greatly enjoyed. The guests in