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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

"Just my luck," said the peasant 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 solvitude 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 fight 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 Fort 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. Weiringer. 253-61.

WANT TO BUY—C. M. Foreman, of Willshire, wants to buy a second-hand, rolltop office desk. Notify him by letter. 302-61.

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 10cents 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 your self. At Interurban Station

COLCHIN & JOSEPH

## 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  
Nickle 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

**SCHAFER'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 \$100,000,000 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 3,000,000 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 \$308,944. More than 200 automobiles, it is reported will be given as Christmas presents, and stocking in all part 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.

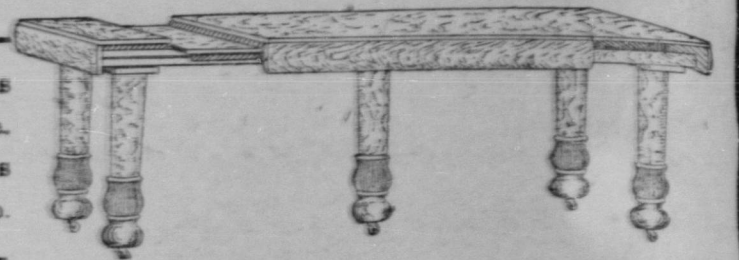
Tungston lamps all sizes in stock.

Schafers 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 \$149 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, Davenportes 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. Ireta 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 sun-dried 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 Ospan  
So the story runs.

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

And when her sons died also  
That all her friends had vanished  
Except Ospan 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 Ospan started  
To speed her on her way;  
But Ospan 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 away  
We have the good foundation  
Of our Gleaner's club today.

Ruth Buhler 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.

Mrs. Fred Sellemeyer gave a delightful Sunday dinner for her son Albert, who is at home for the holidays from Warren, Indiana, where he is teaching school. The guests were Mr. True Pristoe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pruchte, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loch and son Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sellemeyer and Miss Lucy Pruchte. The dinner proved one of those delicious feasts for which Mrs. Sellemeyer is noted among her friends and the hours were happily spent.

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

cluded Mrs. Frank Christen, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. France, Mr. and Mrs. Bari 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.

In manipulating the affairs of this great nation, Uncle Sam seems to have neglected the welfare of the rural mail carrier in regard to allowing them to spend Christmas day with their families. The rural carriers will be compelled to make their regular trips Christmas day as usual, being the only federal employees doing duty on this day. While this is no doubt greatly appreciated by the patrons of the R. F. D. at the same time there are few who would not gladly do without their mail for this day in order that their carrier might spend Christmas day as any other freeborn American citizen. There are indeed few patrons of rural routes but have great respect for their mail man, and on Christmas show their appreciation of his service by filling their mail boxes with the best the country affords, labeled for the mail man. These packages contain nearly every conceivable thing produced on the farm, and help to make Christmas a bright day for the carrier. It is to be hoped, however, that ere another year rolls around that the postoffice department will see fit to give the boys in the wagon a Christmas holiday, a thing they surely deserve.—Contributed.

## CHINESE THREATEN ALIENS.

British Torpedo Boat Destroyer Is Sent to Canton.

Hong Kong, Dec. 20.—It is feared that the anti-foreign movement at Canton, originally caused by the death of a coolie on the steamer Falsham, who is alleged to have been brutally kicked by a Portuguese watchman on the vessel, will culminate in an outbreak against all foreigners. So serious is the situation regarded that the British torpedo boat destroyer Hart has been sent to Canton. All Chinese vessels and their passengers are being closely scrutinized upon their arrival by naval officers. The native papers continue to foment the agitation against foreigners.

## 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, UMBRELLAS, HANDKERCHES,  
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.

