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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

Another holiday season is drawing to a close. Within a day or two the buying season will have passed into history and the up to the minute merchant will begin to figure out how he came out for the year 1908. Although the year started with a panic there are few business men in Decatur who have not prospered. There was a general step forward in every way. There was more building than usual, and the general business has been excellent, considering everything, all of which goes to show that Decatur is the best town on the map. The holiday trade has exceeded last year with two more days ahead, and the business done this season has been equaled but few times in our history. There seems no good reason why we

should not go forward with even greater strides in 1909.

Governor Hughes, of New York, has appointed a commission of well known men who are distinguished in their several pursuits to investigate Wall street and its stock gambling. The commission is expected to make a report on conditions and any measures that may be taken to reduce both the volume and flagrant character of the gambling. It is not intended that the exchanges shall be reduced to mere cash transactions, but that remedies may be provided against a lot of speculation that is controlled by factors of such large magnitude that the little fellows who go into the game have no chance whatever, on the ground that prices so often fall or rise, not by reason of inherent and natural conditions but through what is termed "manipulation." The man who gambles in the stock market is foolish and usually pays for his folly. Why not, then, let him alone to suck his burned fingers in retirement? The same principle would apply to the lottery business, which has been driven out of the country, or to the bucket-shop trade, which is having a hard time to keep alive under the drastic statutes of various states. The country needs the marts of finance and they have been of great value in developing the country, but it is true that they have been

damaging instruments in robbing the unwary.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

## IN CIRCUIT COURT

Jury Finds for the Defendant in Account Case—  
Out Two Hours

## WAS HARD FIGHT

Verdict Returned After Two Hours—Other Legal Affairs

The case of the Mutual Mfg. company vs. Christine Kuntz to collect an account of \$350, went to the jury at eleven o'clock this morning. The evidence was concluded last evening and the arguments began at 8:30 this morning. D. B. Erwin opening for the plaintiff, followed by F. M. Cottrell and A. P. Beatty for defendant, and Mr. Erwin closing. An hour to each side was allowed. The instructions of the court were quite lengthy.

At one o'clock this afternoon the jury returned a verdict, which was read as soon as the court and jury could be summoned. The verdict read: "We, the jury find for the defendant, J. N. Fristoe, foreman." The court excused the jury until next Wednesday when they will hear a case against the city.

A transcript has been filed at the clerk's office, in the case of Julius Haugk vs. Daniel Overhulser, heard before Squire J. H. Stone November 21, when judgment was rendered for \$63.81.

S. A. Armantrout, executor of the William H. Woodruff estate, has filed his final report and same will be heard January 15th.

Emma Baker has sold to Aaron C. Huffman 40 acres in Blue Creek township for \$2,300.

A marriage license was issued to Gettys Farmer, 26, a farmer from Ohio, and Sylvia Hower, aged 18, daughter of J. A. Hower of this county.

### YOUTHFUL HUSBAND GONE.

Stepson, Kentuckian's Senior, Asks Police to Find Fugitive.

Goshen, Ind., Dec. 21.—Charles Pickering of Keyser, Ky., 23 years old, who came here and married Mrs. Phoebe Rohrer, a wealthy farmer's widow, a few days ago, has disappeared from Mrs. Rohrer's home in New Paris. Mrs. Rohrer is the mother of seven children and her oldest son, who is his stepfather's senior, has asked the police to search for Pickering.

### NOTICE TO FIREMEN.

The members of the Fire Department committee will hold a special meeting this evening, Dec. 22. Don't fail to be present at 7 o'clock.  
L. C. HELM, Chief.

## THE GRAND

TONIGHT

"Anthony and Cleopatra"

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.

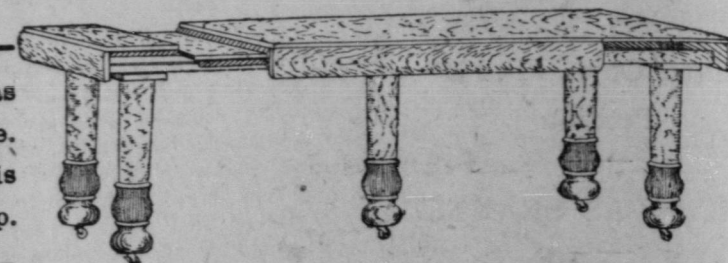
Tungston lamps all sizes in stock.

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, Davenport and everything else. Call at once.

MOSES & MEYER

## SOCIAL COLUMN

A Christmas Dinner to Be Given by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller

A FAREWELL PARTY  
Other Happenings in the Social Life of Our Community

A Christmas family dinner will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller Friday and a most enjoyable time is anticipated by all who have been fortunate in receiving invitations. Mr. Archbold, of Pittsburg, will be the honored guest at the dinner and the delicacies of the season will be partaken of by the guests.

There will be a large number of family dinners held in Decatur Christmas and the day is to be one of cheer. The home coming of loved ones will not be the least of the features on the memorable occasion and the people can partake of the festivities with a consciousness that the deserving poor have been remembered by those who are more fortunate. We are certainly reaching a high standard of civilization when the public is as sensitive to the needs of the poor as is the case at the present age. The helping hand of noble organizations and generous individuals will display more real philanthropy this year than ever before and thus the shadows of financial depression will fade from the homes of deserving poor as completely as a protracted effort from the hands of a god fearing, right thinking people will permit. Let us not tarry for an appeal for aid but make it our business to see that every deserving Decatur family enjoys a good Christmas dinner and how much more we can enjoy our festivities, if we know that there is not a poor widow, an orphan, an unfortunate family which is bereft of the necessities of life. A kind deed in this direction will long be remembered by the recipient, will kindle in their hearts a new hope, will denote a friendship and will give the donor a satisfaction that is better than riches.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Earl Peters will entertain at a family dinner Christmas as a number of their relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Peters of this city, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mentzer and family of Bluffton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leas of Waterloo.

A farewell party was given Miss Beesie and Bertha Drummond at their home on north Third street Monday evening. The amusements of the evening were music and games. Those present were Esther Heckmann, Lydia Kirsh, Irene Eady, Vera Hunsicker, Roxie Fisher, Rosa Green, Flora Fiedlerjohann, Cecil Eady, Mary Stults, Sherman Beery, Arnold Stults, Walter Wilkinson, Lawrence Biggs, Paul VanCamp, Ed Boknecht, Floyd Acke and Clarence Fiedlerjohann. A two course luncheon was served. All had a good time.

The item in this column yesterday that Mrs. H. L. Conter entertained on Sunday evening was an error. A few friends called to visit with Mrs. Frank Christen, who is a guest at the Conter home, but the affair was not in any wise a party.

Installation of officers will be one of the features of the meeting of the Mason lodge this evening and a glorious time is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Heller will give a family dinner at their home Christmas day for the following: John Heller and family, J. W. Tyndall and family and Henry and Miss Bertha Heller. A delightful time is expected.

There will be no meeting of the Shakspeare Club until after Christmas the time of the members being too much occupied at present.

### SUTTON REPLIES TO HOPPE

Champion Will Play When Proper Defi is Issued.

New York, Dec. 21.—Willie Hoppe's open challenge to play a match game with any billiardist in the world has drawn a reply from George Sutton, holder of the trophy representing the world's championship at 18.1 balkline, who says that when a challenge is made in the proper way and a substantial forfeit is posted he will play Hoppe under any reasonable conditions, the former boy champion may name. As Sutton is the richest of billiard players and is always ready to put up his money, the opportunity is one Hoppe may not neglect. In billiard circles Hoppe's defi is not very well received, for the reason that, as former holder of the emblems, he knew the usual course to get a match; he failed to substantiate his challenge by any forfeit, and named some conditions not recognized, as, for instance, a cushion which is not generally known.

### NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

Notice is hereby given to property owners whose lots and parcels of land abut on Ninth street from Nuttman avenue to Dayton avenue, Decatur, Indiana, that said street has been completed and that the city civil engineer has filed his final estimate and report with the common council of said city and that the common council of said city has caused an assessment roll of the costs and expenses of said improvement together with the names and the description of the property and the amount of such assessments to be filed in the office of the city clerk of said city, and that the common council will on the

5th day of January, 1909,

at seven o'clock p. m. at the council room, hear any and all remonstrances against their respective property on said assessment roll and will determine the question as to whether such lots or parcels of land have been or will be benefited by said improvement in the amounts named on said roll, or in a greater or less sum than named thereon or in any sum. Witness my hand and the seal of said city this 15th day of December, 1908.

THOS. F. EHINGER,  
City Clerk.

### 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. 302-5t

### NOTICE.

All persons having bills against the City of Decatur are requested to present same on the last of every month. 302-6t City Council.

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.

PENNY PICTURE STUDIO—Over Clem Voglewede's. 303-6t

# 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, SHIRTS, MUFFLERS, OVERCOATS, COLLARS, HANDKERCHIEFS, RAINCOATS, CUFFS, NECKWEAR, FANCY VESTS, UNDERWEAR, GLOVES, TROUSERS, HOSIERY, UMBRELLAS

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.



## For a Warm Bath Room

A bath in a cold room is a "shivery" operation and is extremely liable to cause colds. The bathroom above all should be kept warm. This is easy and the bath is a comfort if you have a

## PERFECTION Oil Heater

(Equipped with Smokeless Device)

It may be carried from any other room to the bath room, which it will heat while you are preparing for the bath. Impossible to turn it too high or too low. The most economical heater you can buy—intense heat for 9 hours with one filling.

The Rayo Lamp is the best lamp for all-round household purposes. Gives a clear, steady light. Made of brass throughout and nickel plated. Equipped with the latest improved central draft burner. Handsome—simple—satisfactory. Every lamp guaranteed. If you cannot get heater or lamp at your dealer's, write our nearest agency for descriptive circular.

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