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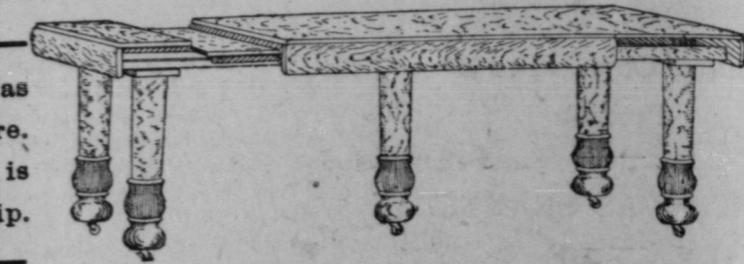
J. H. HELLER, Manager.

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.

# 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, Davenports 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 Pittsburgh, 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 Jessie 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 Fledderjohann, Cecil Eady, Mary Stults, Sherman Beery, Arnold Stults, Walter Wilkinson, Lawrence Biggs, Paul VanCamp, Ed Boknecht, Floyd Acke and Clarence Fledderjohann. A two course luncheon was served. All had a good time.

### 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  
303-6t

### NOTICE.

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

302-6t  
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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.

303-6t  
303-6t  
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

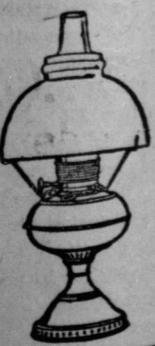
Equipped with Smokeless Device

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.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY  
(Incorporated)



## Home Made Candy 2000 Pounds

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

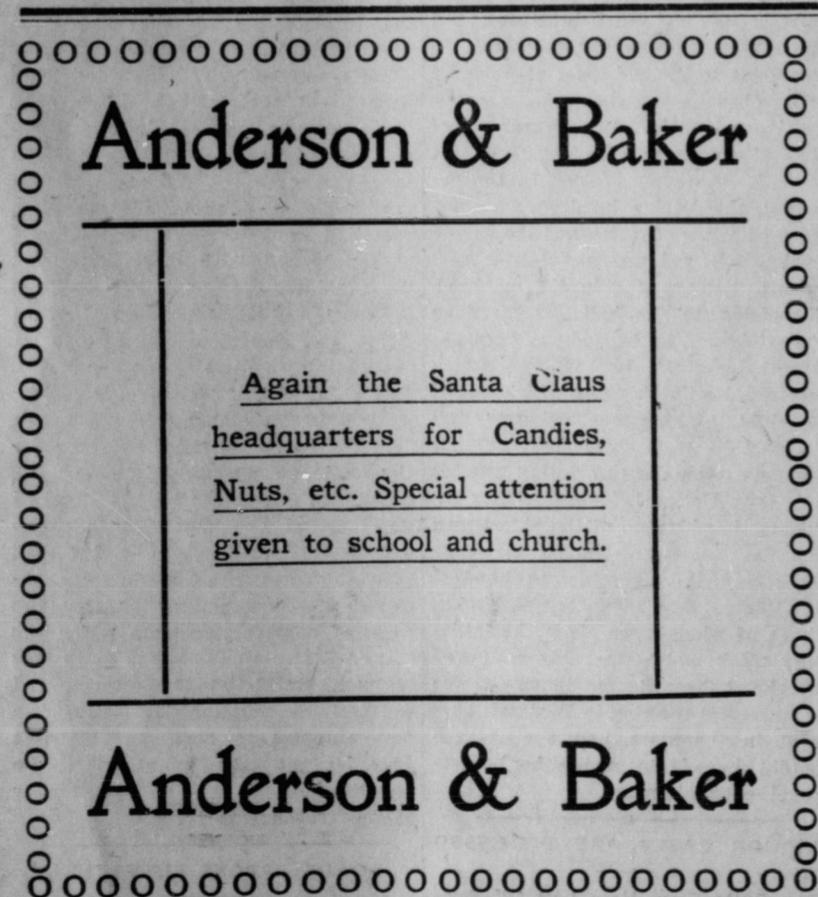
500 Fancy Box 25c to \$5.00 each

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 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.

### 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.

Tungstrom lamps all sizes in stock.

Schafer's Up-To-Date  
Hdw. Store

(Special.)  
To all the good boys and girls of Adams county, greeting:

I have just concluded my schedule and find that I will finish my trip in time to be with Mr. Stoneburner at the Star theater, Decatur, at one o'clock Christmas afternoon and stay there until 12 o'clock at night. I want to see all my little friends and will have candy, nuts and popcorn for you. Bring your pa and ma. I may have something for them, too, and I know you will enjoy the show.

Yours for a Merry Xmas,

SANTA CLAUS.

