

## CHRISTMAS BARGAIN IN ---SHAVES---



As a token of appreciation to his patrons, Nick Miller, the well known barber, will on Thursday, December 24, give each of those who get shaved at his shop, a watch almost like the above. Wonderful!

## THE GRAND

TONIGHT

### HIS OWN SON

Illustrated song.

### WILD FLOWERS

By Miss Niblick

"Everybody goes to the  
Grand"



### Conservative

Careful management—the acme of prompt, courteous service, everything consistent with good banking—you secure when you open a checking account here. A checking account will relieve you of many exasperating troubles and disputes—protect you thoroughly. Investigate.

### Old Adams County Bank

## 1 MORE DAY

to do your Christmas shopping. We still have a good assortment to select from for the ladies, for the gents, for the Miss and the Baby. Our store has been crowded for the past two weeks with people buying useful presents.

### J. H. VOGLEWEDE & SON

Opp. Court House

Tel. 399

WISHING YOU  
A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year  
We Remain Very Truly  
TEEPEL, BRANDYBERRY AND PETERSON

### WEATHER

Fair tonight and Wednesday.

E. A. Mann and wife went to Fort Wayne this morning for a visit with friends.

Arthur Fisher went to Fort Wayne this morning to look after business interests.

Miss Lucile Hale returned to Fort Wayne this morning after a brief visit with her parents.

C. E. Suttles and father-in-law, A. C. Leach, have gone to Fort Wayne for a visit with friends.

Many Decatur people were busy today buying Christmas presents and the business men were on the hustle.

Fred Kolter went to Fort Wayne this morning to look after business interests which require his immediate attention.

The weather is cold again and we are having real winter, although it looks like we will have no snow for the great holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Biddle returned to their home at Albion today after being the guests of friends and relatives in the city for some time.

All barber shops of the city will close all day Christmas to allow the barbers to devote the entire day in eating goose, turkey, etc.

The following groceries will be closed Christmas from ten o'clock for the rest of the day: F. V. Mills, Hower and Hower, S. E. Hite and Everett & Hite.

Decatur merchants are all satisfied with their Christmas business. They have done a big volume of business this fall, especially during the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Adams left this morning for Detroit, Michigan, where they will remain for several days as the guest of the latter's relatives.

Dr. C. B. Wilcox will deliver a Christmas sermon next Sunday and the choir will render special music at that time. The public is invited to attend these services.

Joseph Lower, treasurer of the farmers' institute, has met with marked success in securing premiums from the business men to be given to the farmer at the institute to be held here next month.

Miss Fearne Leas left this morning for her home at Waterloo, stopping at Fort Wayne enroute to be the guest of a friend for a few hours. She has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. R. Earl Peters in this city.

Democrat readers cannot afford to miss reading the announcements of Decatur merchants. They contain good common sense and demonstrate the fact that they can compete with merchants in other cities as to price and quality.

Lucy Wolfe, daughter of John W. Terrell, was in the city today for a visit with her father in the jail. It is improbable that anything will be done regarding the case of Terrell during the present term of court. If any petitions regarding the disposition of the man should be brought up they would have to be presented this week, as the term ends Saturday. Bluffton Banner.

Mr. Summers, the real estate man, from Monroe, transacted business in our city today.

J. D. Winterregg, of Berne, returned to his home this afternoon from a business trip to this city.

Miss Florence Sprunger returned last night from Oberlin to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mrs. Kate Burdg and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Helm will spend Christmas with relatives at Van Wert.

The regular meeting of the local camp of Modern Woodmen lodge will be held tonight and every member should be present.

The Decatur public library will be closed all day Christmas, permitting the librarian to enjoy this gladdest holiday of all the year.

Miss Merle Burdg will arrive tomorrow from Garrett to remain over Christmas as a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Burdg.

Miss Perle Burdg has arrived home for a visit with her parents and will return to resume her school work in the kindergarten at Cincinnati January fourth.

Bert Niblick returned last night from Quincy, Illinois, to be the guest of his parents over Christmas, after which he will return to resume his school work at that place.

Mr. Robert Carlysle and daughters, Misses Anna and Elizabeth, of Cincinnati, are the guests of his daughter, Mrs. George Flanders and family and will remain over the holiday. Mr. Carlysle is one of the pioneer business men of Cincinnati.

The date for district meeting of the Knights of Pythias lodge to be held in Hartford City has been changed from February 4 to February 18. The postponement was made necessary owing to the inability of the grand lodge officers to be present, having another district meeting to attend.

The Elzey & Vance clothing firm is displaying one of the most attractive display windows ever shown to Decatur people. The original ideas of O. L. Vance and Prof. Ross Mills were employed in making the arrangement, which indeed is exceedingly beautiful. When it comes to window dressing, leave it to Ross and Lee.

A deal was consummated today whereby Arthur Russell has come into possession of the Barney Wertzberger barber shop at the Fashion stables and Wertzberger and Charles Kitson own the Russell shop on south Second street. The trade was made this morning and the exchange was made at once, the proprietors assuming control of their new places of business.

Ray Meredith, impersonating Santa Claus in the window of the Morris store at Columbia City, Monday afternoon, came near being burned to death. His regalia caught fire from a small gasoline engine near by and the flames had almost enveloped him before he was able to tear the burning garments from his body. The drapery in the store window also caught fire, but it was extinguished in time to prevent a serious fire.

Police are seeking the capture of the person who recently mailed a letter to George Miller, of Valparaiso, demanding that \$200 be sent to J. M. Anderson, at Elkhart, before the end of the year, or Miller's family and that of his father-in-law, Jerry Trump, of Goshen, would be killed. Miller sent the money and then told the officers. He has now gone insane from worry over the blackmail scheme. The writer of the threatening letter is believed to have been a woman.

The dedicatory exercises at the Huntington county court house, which had been set for December 29, have been indefinitely postponed on account of the impossibility to get the speakers desired at that time. Hon. J. E. Watson has written that his father is in a dying condition and that he has cancelled all his engagements in order to remain at his bedside. Neither D. W. Simms, of Lafayette, Senator Beveridge nor W. F. McNamara, of Columbia City, found it possible to be present on the date originally chosen.

## WEEK AT NIBLICKS

### Studebaker Family and Descendants to Meet Away from Home

### FOR FIRST TIME

### On Christmas—Sickness of David Studabaker Neces-sitates the Change

For the first time for more than forty years, the members of the Studabaker family will enjoy their family Christmas dinner away from the old homestead, located a little distance east of the city, the deviation from the old established custom being necessitated as a consequence of the sickness of David, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Studabaker, who reside on the home farm. Mrs. John Niblick has never spent a Christmas other than at the home place, and this year her home will be the scene of the festivities of the annual occasion, the relatives having been invited to be at their home Thursday night and for Christmas breakfast. The relatives will gather at the Niblick home Thursday night, where a social session will be enjoyed during the evening, the guests to remain there all night. A sumptuous breakfast will be served in the morning, after which the older ones will converse reminiscing of days gone by, repairing to the home of Miss Hattie Studabaker for dinner, where the delicacies of the season will again remind them of the glorious holiday. The party will be banqueted at the home of Mrs. Morrison for supper and all in all great time will be enjoyed. The party will consist of the following: Mrs. Morrison and daughter Harriet; Miss Hattie Studabaker, Mrs. Chamber, Messrs. and Mesdames A. D. Suttles and family; O. P. Edwards and wife, of Leipsic, Ohio; Vesey from Fort Wayne, and the family of John Niblick.

Cloudy tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight.

A. Van Camp went to Monroe this afternoon on a business mission.

Mrs. Alice Griffin, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, arrived in the city this afternoon for a visit with her brother, Dr. Raineer.

Emory Wason, in jail at Hartford City, is reported much better and may be released, instead of going to Richmond or to the epileptic village at Newcastle. Wason has promised, if he is released, to go to Ramah, Colo., where his father is located. It is believed the change in climate, if he abstains from cigarette smoking and other excessive habits, may effect a cure.

The new bank of Petroleum opened its doors for business today under very auspicious circumstances and it is sure to become one of the strong and prosperous financial institutions of the county. The bank is capitalized at \$13,500 but has backing in the shape of rich and substantial stockholders to the extent of probably close to \$1,000,000, making it not only one of the strongest in the county, but in the state. For Petroleum and vicinity it will be a great convenience. Bluffton News.

Henry Thoma received word this morning of the death of a brother whom he visited while in the old country this summer. The brother, William Thoma, resided at Eversdore and his death was due to kidney trouble, impurities in the blood and the infirmities of his age. For some time he had suffered with an abscess on the leg and some six months ago this was cured with the result that the poison from the core was driven into his system and hastened his death. Bluffton News.



## We're Ready for Christmas Are You?

The enormous Christmas trade that we did during the last few days is surely indicative of the fact that our merchandise and prices are right.

Never before have we been able to offer such great values in mens and boys wearing apparel at such little cost.

### Special Values

If you are thinking of buying an overcoat for yourself or for some one else don't fail to see some of our special Christmas Values.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SERVICABLE AND VALUABLE PRESENTS study this list and then see us.

### MEN'S SUITS

\$5 to \$25

### MEN'S OVERCOATS

\$5 to \$25

### SWEATER COATS

.50c to \$3.50

### FANCY VESTS

\$1.50 to \$5

### UMBRELLAS

\$1 to \$5

### NECKTIES

.25c, .50c, .75c

### HANDKERCHIEFS

.5c to \$1.00

### DRESS GLOVES

.50c to \$5

### DRESS SHIRTS

.50c, \$1, \$1.50

### CUFF BUTTONS with TIE PIN

TO MATCH .25c to \$1

### FANCY HOSE

.25c to 50c

### SUIT CASES

\$1 to \$12

### BATH ROBES

\$3.50 to \$10

### SMOKING JACKETS

\$3 to \$10

### WATCH FOBS

.50c to \$1.50

### FUR CAPS

\$1.50 to \$5

### CLOTH CAPS

.50c to \$1.50

### LADIES' FUR CAPS

\$3 to \$3.50

### MUFFLERS

.50c to \$2

### FANCY SUSPENDERS

.25c to \$1

### SILK HANDKERCHIEFS

.25c to 50c



## ELZEY & VANCE

Corner East of Court House

Decatur, Indiana.

### A CHANGE AT COPPOCK PLANT

### MURDER CASE TO BE TRIED

### FIGHT SHOPLIFTING CHARGE

### Young Men Arrested at Lebanon Say They Are Northwestern Students.

### Bluffton, Ind., Dec. 21.—The mur-

der cases of Orville Clum and Frank Brown, charged with killing Peter Poffenberger last spring, was taken up in circuit court today by Judge Sturgis and was again set down for trial, this time the second Monday of the February term. Poffenberger and the two young men had a quarrel in a saloon and a few minutes later met in an alley. Poffenberger had his throat slashed from ear to ear. It is charged that Clum wielded the knife but that Brown is equally guilty from the fact that he incited Clum to the act.

They have been studying law there, they say, and are spending the holidays canvassing in order to make enough money to help pay their expenses at the spring term of the university.

## Christmas Goodies

Are to be found at the PEOPLES RESTAURANT, and we have a line of all kinds of Candies, Nuts Fruits, and unexcelled in the city, and we invite the public to give us a call.

## Special Prices to Organizations

Do not fail to call and see us before buying

JACOB MARTIN, Prop.