

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!

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Friday; cooler to night.

THE GRAND

Christmas Afternoon and Night
One of the finest shows ever come to the city. Don't forget
Matinee—1:30 p. m.
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Special show, Special Son and Music.
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Opp. Court House

Tel. 399

Miss Irene Miller has gone to Fort Wayne for a stay with friends.

The furniture dealers were busy today delivering presents to different homes in the city.

Miss Annette Hackman went to Fort Wayne this morning to remain for the day with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sholts, of Marion, have come to the city for a short visit with relatives.

There was much Christmas shopping done today and the merchants were as busy as ever.

J. C. Patterson and family will go to Winchester tomorrow to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Lizzie Kortebrau went to Fort Wayne this morning to visit over Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Miller.

This is ideal winter weather and from indications tomorrow will be a day of cheer for more reasons than one.

Roy Mumma left this morning for Linton, Ind., where he will remain for a few days as the guest of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tröthner and daughter Stella went to New Haven this morning where they will make a visit with friends and relatives.

Miss Matilda Sellemeyer left this morning for Defiance, Ohio, where she will visit for several days with her sister, Mrs. Vitz.

John Bollinger and son Peter went to Fort Wayne this morning from where the latter went to Columbia City for a visit with relatives.

Tonight is the time for Santa Claus children, so be real good that you may share in the many good things he has for you. Do not forget to hang up your stockings.

Mrs. Joel Reynolds went to Fort Wayne this morning to meet her sister-in-law, Mrs. Raleigh Shaw and son Robert, who are coming from Alliance for a visit with relatives here.

The Decatur Produce company has done a thriving business during the holiday season, as has the Berling Packing company. The demand has been big for poultry and the Decatur dealers have done their share in meeting the demand.

V. D. Bell was in town this morning from Craigville, accompanied by Rev. Payne, of Decatur. The latter is conducting revival services at the Zion church east of Craigville. There were four persons at the altar last night.—Bluffton News.

Your attention is called to the fact that one of the best entertainments in this city this evening will occur at the Christian church at 7:30 and every one is cordially invited to attend. The program will be interesting and entertaining.

Miss Georgia Sadwallader, of LaPorte, has filed a suit against Jacob Ackerman demanding \$10,000 for breach of promise. Miss Cadwallader asserts that Ackerman, who is a wealthy contractor, had made a marriage contract with her before he wedded another a few days ago.

The articles of incorporation of the Bluffton, Berne & Celina traction company have been sent to the secretary of state to be filed and certificate of incorporation filed. The papers were sent away by W. H. Eichhorn, attorney for the company, Tuesday night. It is expected that the papers will be returned Thursday or the day after Christmas.—Bluffton Banner.

Miss Opal McIntyre went to Winchester this afternoon to visit with friends.

Mrs. J. W. Wendel, of Bluffton, changed cars here today on her way to Geneva.

Miss Ruth Crouse returned to her home at Geneva this afternoon from a visit in the city.

Mrs. J. Swank, of Bluffton, was a visitor in the city today and has returned to her home.

A. J. Peoples went to Fort Wayne this afternoon to be the guest of relatives for some time.

Miss Fannie Rice has gone to Fort Wayne for an over Christmas visit with friends and relatives.

Mrs. C. S. Hulse returned to her home at Union City today after making a visit here with relatives.

Raleigh Parrish left this afternoon for Jackson, Michigan, where he will visit friends over Christmas.

All Elks are requested to meet at their hall Sunday afternoon to begin practicing for the minstrel show.

L. G. Ellingham and family went to Winchester this afternoon to remain for a few days as the guests of relatives.

Oro Dykeman left this afternoon for Richmond, where he will make a visit with his brother, Dr. Ed Dykeman.

Mrs. Sherman Shively, of Bluffton, passed through Decatur today enroute to Geneva where she will visit relatives.

George Brewster returned to his home in the southern part of the county this afternoon from a business trip to this city.

Mrs. B. F. Welty, of Lima, Ohio, passed through Decatur today enroute to Berne, where she will visit her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tester and son, of Frankfort, Indiana, are the guests of relatives here for the Christmas celebration.

Mrs. A. D. Mischoud, of Van Buren, passed through the city today enroute to Berne, where she will be the guest of friends and relatives.

Struck by a falling tree and severely injured, John Dill, of West township, Marshall county, lay in a woods for forty hours. His left leg was broken in three places. His condition was discovered by accident. He was then in a serious condition.

Phil Brown, residing near Warsaw, won a box of cigars from Jim Allegar, owner of a grocery at Warsaw, by rolling a small pumpkin four blocks along the brick pavement in the business district of the city, while a large crowd followed and urged him along.

Huntington is having dreams of securing the Wabash railroad shops when Fort Wayne forces the company to elevate its tracks. Lime City dopesters figure it out that the Wabash will retaliate against the improvement by pulling its shops out of Fort Wayne.

James Carmony is in receipt of a letter from Lewis Hunt, a former Portland ball player now located at Fairmount, W. Va., where he with Clyde Parker, closed the season of 1908 on the team representing that city, and have each signed contracts to remain for the ball season of 1909. At present both are working in a machine shop, Hunt being employed as time keeper.—Portland Sun.

The board of county commissioners today issued a call for a meeting of the county council to be held on January 4 and 5, when the subject of buying voting machines will come up for consideration. It is proposed by the companies controlling the machines to supply them to the county in exchange for bonds that will fall due after each election and they can be paid from the money saved by their use.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Judge Charles E. Sturges, of Bluffton, sitting as special judge in the Delaware circuit court, yesterday gave an adverse ruling to the contentions of the remonstrators against the proposed improvement of three public highways in Hamilton township as petitioned for by James R. Moore and others. Dennis Connell and others and William Langsdon and others. In plain words, Judge Sturges designated that the appeals had no standing in court and they were referred back to the commissioners' court.—Bluffton Banner.

Mrs. Ed Vancil went to Fort Recovery this afternoon where she will be the guest of friends and relatives for several days.

Charles Merryman, of Cardwell, Mo., arrived home this morning and will be the guest of his parents, Judge and Mrs. J. T. Merryman, over Christmas.

John Wemhoff, formerly the local hustler on this paper, now attending college at Rensselaer, Indiana, is the guest of his mother and other relatives here for the holidays.

Quite a number of the school patrons attended the exercises held in the various rooms this afternoon. The schools close today for the mid-winter vacation, and will resume on Monday, January 4th.

The Grand theater has one of the best reels ever shown here for tonight, and for tomorrow, matinee and night they will have the new and famous reel, "The Vagabond and the Merry Widow Waltz." The music will be especially fine and you should be sure to spend an hour at this popular place.

The Union Trust company, receiver for the Ossian Mutual Live Stock Insurance association, is collecting a larger number of back assessments than it was thought could be gotten in. Several suits have been filed and settled for the collection of assessments and the courts have held that the assessments should be paid.

J. B. Stoneburner has everything ready for Santa Claus' visit to the Star theater on Christmas afternoon and night. He has received word that the old gentleman will be here with treats enough for 1,200 people so all will be remembered who call. Mr. Stoneburner has received a large number of letters from children who wish them delivered to old Santa.

The Ohio City Progress came to our desk this week in a pretty illuminated cover, and contained a complete writeup of the town, which was a leading feature of the paper. Editor Glancy is working hard to gain a foothold in the hearts of the Ohio City population and business interests, but the latter accomplishment gives ample evidence of being a tough proposition.

Many persons are daily viewing the new elevator, which is rapidly nearing completion. The rapidity with which the building is going up and the quality of the materials being used in its construction occasions much favorable comment. If nothing occurs to disrupt present plans, the elevator will be in running order in about three weeks, which will insure mightily to the business interests of the town and surrounding country.—Willshire Herald.

Now, if Chas. P. Taft is elected United States senator by the state assembly, some of the Truly Good bunch who fought democratic candidates for representative in nearby counties, should be compelled to invest themselves in sackcloth and ashes. Charles P. Taft is an avowed opponent of the local option idea, and he and his paper, the Cincinnati Times-Star, are the open defenders of Geo. B. Cox and the Cox brand of politics and civic lawlessness throughout Ohio.—Willshire Herald.

Dayton Gause was attacked by a bilious dizziness while unloading fodder at the barn of W. C. Counterman in this town Wednesday forenoon. He fell from the wagon, and when he was taken from under the wagon by John Custer, E. Brown and the Herald force, he had the appearance of a man stricken with apoplexy, but Dr. Roller, who was quickly on the scene, expressed the belief that Mr. Gause was injured internally as a result of the fall.—Willshire Herald.

W. F. Fisher, state food inspector, was in the city this morning circulating among the three mills, collecting samples of bran and shorts and taking orders for the feed tags. An inspector or deputy makes a trip to the city every few weeks to make sure that the laws are being obeyed, but have never found the least fault with any of the feeds put on the market by the local millers. The first of the new year the millers will have to make a full report of the number of tags they now have on hands, the number they had at the beginning of this year and their purchases during the entire time. This will show the amount of feed that has been sold by the mills.—Bluffton Banner.

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CANTATA AT EVANGELICAL Good Entertainment Planned for this Evening—All Invited.

One of the programs which will be enjoyed by all who hear it is the one to be given at the Evangelical church at seven o'clock this evening. Much time has been spent in preparation and the public is cordially invited to be present and enjoy the event with the children. Remember the hour—at seven o'clock.

The Myers-Dailey display window is beautiful. Its arrangement shows good taste and is very attractive.

Vincent Bell, of Craigville, was in the city this morning attending to business matters.—Bluffton Banner.

Mrs. T. O. McCullough, of Decatur, was in the city this morning attending to business matters and visiting friends.—Bluffton Banner.

The Commercial telephone line between Craigville and Monroe will be completed this evening and ready for service to the many patrons of the new line. Many of the stockholders are the same that are interested in the German telephone company running out of Craigville, which is bringing good dividends to the men every year.

A telegram was received by L. C. DeVoss from Winchester today conveying the very sad news that his brother, J. C. DeVoss, ex-treasurer of Randolph county, had died this morning from paralysis. He has been in ill health for some time. His age is about seventy-two years. A number of Decatur people were acquainted with the decedent.

In this time of Christmas presents and Christmas giving many of the rural route patrons are remembering their carriers who serve them faithfully and well during all the year, and it is no uncommon thing for a carrier to find a chicken, a mess of sausage or other toothsome present awaiting them as they drive up to mail box. There has been no instance reported where the carriers drove away and left the proffered present. In fact they are always pleased with such a pleasant remembrance, both for the present itself and the sentiment back of the gift.

A race circuit to be known as the Trolley Association may be formed with Marion, Muncie, Elwood, Fairmount, Decatur, Portland and Montpelier as members. The circuit will be formed for the purpose of arranging dates that will not be conflicting and to make it possible for exhibitors and horsemen to reach more fairs. C. L. Smith, of Montpelier, and J. G. Click, of Warren, were in Marion Tuesday meeting with officers of the local association and it was arranged to hold a meeting some time next month, at which time the proposed circuit will be organized.—Bluffton Banner.

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