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**WEATHER**

Fair south, rain or snow north portion tonight or Sunday; warmer to night; colder Sunday.

## DIED IN CHICAGO

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here, and was for some time a member of the St. Marys church choir. The news of her death will cause sadness among her circle of acquaintances. The remains were taken to Clinton, Michigan, her former home, today, and the funeral will be held there tomorrow. Her mother, a sister, Mrs. Hively and a number of other relatives survive her.

## ARRIVED TOO LATE

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into eternity before she reached Hoagland. Mrs. Sweet was past ninety-two years of age, and had the distinction of being one of the oldest residents of Allen county. She has visited Decatur many times and while here made the acquaintance of many who will receive the news of her demise with sad hearts. The sympathy of Decatur citizens is extended to the bereaved ones.

**MUSICAL AT BOSSE THEATER**

Do not forget the grand musical given by the pupils of the musical academy next Tuesday Dec. 29th at the Bosse opera house. It will be a rare treat. Though the program looks long, it will last only one hour and a half. It is given for the benefit of St. Marys church. Come all. Seats can be reserved on Tuesday at the usual place. The musical will be given one evening only.

Rev. H. Theo. Wilken.

LOST—A Swastika belt pin somewhere in Monroe. Finder return to Fern Hendricks and receive reward.



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C. E. Sullivan and family were in Decatur yesterday.—Berne Witness.

Miss Irene Baker of Fort Wayne, is the guest of Miss Emma Schultz of this city.

Tom and O. Uhl, of Toledo, were the guests of Barney Terveer and family over Christmas.

Miss Clara Schultz of Fort Wayne, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schultz of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. David Fortney, of Willshire, spent Christmas in the city the guests of Mr. James Coverdale.

John B. Miller and wife, of Fort Wayne, were the guests of their son, Med, and family here for Christmas turkey.

Supt. Pore, of Geneva public schools and principal Gilom, of Monroe schools visited the Decatur schools this week.

All Elks are requested to be at the hall tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. First rehearsal for minstrel show.—Committee.

Erman Mentzer, of Bluffton, enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the home of R. E. Peters yesterday and has returned to his home.

Joel Ashelman, a young farmer east of Bluffton, suffered a fractured leg when a belt flew from a corn-shredder and struck him, throwing him to the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leas returned to their home at Waterloo last evening after being the guest of their daughter, Mrs. R. Earl Peters over Christmas.

Miss Della Clark, Decatur, will spend the holidays visiting with her sister, Mrs. John French, this city, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mosure, of Vera Cruz.—Bluffton Banner.

The premiums to be awarded on yellow and white corn at the Farmers' Institute to be held here next month will be based on ten ears displayed. Make your entries early.

Frank Linn, a former Decatur boy, who has worked in Chicago for many years, was at home for the Christmas dinner as has been his custom ever since leaving the parental roof.

Dr. C. B. Wilcox and Dr. Geo. Hunter Meyers will exchange pulpits Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Wilcox preaching at Montpelier, Indiana, and Dr. Meyers preaching in his old home church.

The Bluffton Land and Timber company has been incorporated by L. C. Justus, James W. Sale and others. The company has purchased 1,700 acres of land in Mississippi, which it will place upon the market.

Representative Gilhams before leaving Washington for his home had a talk with Secretary of Agriculture Wilson about things he wanted done in the twelfth district. He obtained a promise of expert lecturers who will attend farmers' institutes in that district and talk to the farmers on all agricultural subjects.

C. C. Sprunger is circulating a petition to the county commissioners asking that a stone road be built on the mile of road running east and west and making the north boundary line of the corporation of Berne. The required number of names of freeholders is 50 and nearly a hundred signers are on the petition.—Berne Witness.

County Superintendent Lawrence Opliger received a message this morning announcing the sad news that his cousin, Levi Sauer, of Wayne county, Ohio, had died on Christmas day. The message gave no statement of the cause. The funeral will occur Monday. Mr. Sauer was twenty-three years old and had a number of other relatives in this county.

Cracksmen failed to get into the safe at the Standard Oil company's office at Elkhart because electric lighting current to the building had been disconnected. They had rigged up wiring connections to operate the drill, but were unable to find the switch to secure current to drive it and gave up in disgust. The imprint of the drill is plainly visible on the safe door.

## PERE MARQUETTE REMAINS

Not Scheduled to Be Taken Over by Central, Says Ledyard.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 25.—"There is absolutely no foundation for them," replied Henry B. Ledyard, chairman of the Michigan Central Railway board of directors, today when asked about rumors that the Pere Marquette system might be taken into the New York Central the first of the year. "The Pere Marquette is a competing line of the Michigan Central in every important Michigan town, and such a combination would be illegal to begin with. Besides, it is not likely that after my thirty years' work in bringing the Michigan Central up to its present condition the system would be charged with the task of equally developing the Pere Marquette. My membership on the Pere Marquette board is entirely personal, and at Mr. Morgan's request."

Mrs. Lydia Hendricks of Monroe will spend the holidays with friends and relatives in Hammond, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fansler and son Jesse spent Christmas in Fort Wayne with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Oberlin.

Mrs. W. D. Hendricks and daughter Grace of Kendallville, are guests of Mrs. Laura E. Crill and son Ralph.

Fred Kintz, of Fostoria, Ohio, is here visiting friends and relatives. He is thinking of moving to Michigan.

The corn exhibits to be made at the Farmers' Institute next month are only eligible for Adams county farmers.

H. M. Romberg and two sons, of Fort Wayne, were looking up friends here today. They called on the Democrat.

New Year's but six days distant, then oh, my! the resolutions. It will be something awful. Be sure and keep them, boys.

Miss Dale Payne has gone to her home south of the city for an over Sunday visit with her parents. She will return tomorrow.

Rev. E. B. Parker and family of Nappanee, also H. T. Craig and wife of Fort Wayne, arrived in the city this morning to attend the Hale-Craig reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Montgomery and children Delbert, Vivian and Virgie have gone to Monroeville for a visit with friends and relatives and will return tomorrow.

The band with the "Texas Ranger" which shows at the Bosse opera house tonight, played several selections on the street today and attracted considerable attention.

There were not so many farmers in town today as a consequence of the large amount of Christmas shopping done on previous days, but the merchants are not registering any kicks.

From indications we are to have real winter from now on. The weather has changed to be decidedly colder and in all probability will hover around the zero mark before many days go by.

The big minstrel show to be given by the Elks will be the best ever, and those who will take part in the show are working hard to put on the best home talent production ever staged in the city. Those who attend will certainly get their money's worth and will be contributing to a charity cause by attending.

The musicale to be given by the Sisters of St. Agnes next Tuesday night will be very entertaining and the music loving people of Decatur cannot afford to miss the rare treat which is in store for them. Three pianos will be played at once by the pupils and several other features have been arranged for.

Word from Geneva is to the effect that Martin Laughlin is slowly recovering from the attack of heart failure he suffered here several days ago and it is thought that he will be able to attend tomorrow's session of the county commissioners. It is important that Mr. Laughlin be here for tomorrow's meeting as there are several bonds to be signed.

A happy surprise was given Trustee Louis Kline, of Preble township Wednesday evening by his teachers. Mr. Kline retires from office next week and the teachers wished to show him their appreciation for his many kindnesses. He was presented with a handsome oak rocker and a good time was had. Those present were Lulu Lankenau and Johanna Jaebker of number one, Johanna Fruchte, of number five, Mina Case, J. E. Nelson, Ed Fruchte and Charles Reppert of number six.

W. W. Marr, C. E. D. P. Murphy, Att'y P. E. Green, C. E.

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## BLACK CAT TURNS STEAMER

Crew Says Uncanny Beast Caused Vessel's Return.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 25.—Two stories are told by marine men explaining the return of the steamer John Duncan, which reached North Point on its way to Erie, Pa., but then returned to port. A cross-eyed black cat in the fore-castle, says the crew. The waves were too heavy and the promise of a blizzard too great to risk the men's lives, is the announcement of the captain, who scouts the black cat yarn. Any way, the John Duncan came back. After the gale subsided or the cat disappeared, as you please, the Duncan again started on its trip to the lower lakes.

## DECATUR CHURCHES

**ST. MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

First mass, 8:00 a. m.

Late mass, 10:00 a. m.

Vespers, 3:00 p. m.

**U. B. CHURCH.**

I. Imler, Pastor.

Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

Prayer meeting 10:30 a. m.

Y. P. C. E. U. 6:00 p. m.

Christmas sermon 7:00 p. m.

Preaching at Union Chapel at 10:30 a. m.

All cordially invited to the services of this church.

**GERMAN REFORMED.**

9:30—Sunday school. Lesson review.

10:30—Service conducted in German. Student Edw. Worthman will preach.

6:15—Christian Endeavor Society Topic, The new life of China. Ezek. 37:1-14.

7:00—Communion service in English. Text, Mark 1:23-25. The Cry of Sin.

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

Louis C. Hessert, Pastor.

**M. E. CHURCH.**

Dr. C. B. Wilcox, Pastor.

Sunday school 9:15. John Vail, Supt.

Morning sermon 10:30 a. m.

Epworth League Devotional 6 p. m.

Evening sermon 7 p. m.

Special Christmas music.

Rev. Geo. Hunter Meyers will preach both morning and evening.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

9:15 a. m., Bible school.

10:30 a. m., morning services.

2:00 p. m. Junior C. E.

6:00 p. m. Senior C. E.

Election and installation of new officers. Let us make this an interesting meeting.

7:00 p. m., evening services.

The pastor will deliver sermons at both services appropriate to the season. Miss Sprunger will delight us with vocal selections at both services. You are invited.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED

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An elegant Christmas dinner was enjoyed at the home of George Ruttman, north of the city yesterday, by a number of the friends of the family. Those who partook of the festivities were C. F. True and family, of Decatur; Teddie Somers, William Singleton and family and Chris Sheets and family.

A Christmas dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Walters for their children and grandchildren. A very delightful time was enjoyed in conversation and music. The dining room was beautifully decorated in red and green. The family was seated at the table and a two-course dinner was served by Mrs. Elijah Walters and Mrs. Bushnel. The guests were Mr. Joe Johnson and family, Mr. D. A. Moser and family, Mr. E. D. Walters and family and Mrs. Bushnel and Miss Little Stumbaugh.

On the evening of Dec. 23 the teachers of Bluecreek township with their families met at the home of the trustee and completely took him by surprise. During the evening Mr. W. P. Merriman was called on for a speech and responded with some well chosen remarks on the subject "Friendship." One of the illustrations of friendship was the presentation to that worthy gentleman of a beautiful rocker, which was probably a greater surprise to him than the gathering of the teachers. The remainder of the evening was spent in conversation and all departed at a late hour wishing Mr. and Mrs. Raudebush a "Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."

Mrs. McRaney's Experience

Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me."

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