

CLOSING OUT SALE

We will close out our entire line of Laces, Embroidery, Insertion, Ribben, Pillow tops and Hosiery at about half price as we expect to discontinue the handling of same so they must all go regardless of cost. Sale begins **JANUARY 6th.** and will continue from day to day until the stock is exhausted.

MOSER'S

China and Notion Store.

W. P. H. coal hard as a rock, makes no clinkers; if you try it you will call for it again. Call Reynolds & Wagner, Phone 495.

Save half on groceries. See Charles Hendricks, phone 530.

If your dealer does not handle Admiral coffee, others do.

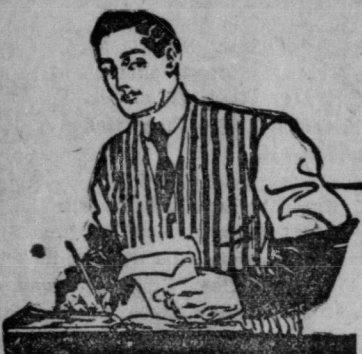
The perfection churn—best in the world—will churn sweet or sour cream in less than 10 minutes. Light and easy running and guaranteed to churn more butter from same amount of cream than any other. For sale at J. D. Hale's warehouse. E. F. Hoffman, agent, Van Buren, Indiana.

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Insurance Agency
Decatur, Indiana.



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with us now and commence 1909 on a genuine business basis.

Then you will know to a cent the respective costs of living, will be free from all disputes as to payment and will greatly better your business reputation.

Would you investigate?

Old Adams County Bank

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Thursday; colder tonight.

J. S. Bowers made a business trip to Portland this morning.

R. Schug, of Berne, was in the city today looking after business interests.

More horses are coming in every day to be sold at the big horse sale Saturday.

Miss Tina Radamacher went to Fort Wayne this morning to remain for the day with friends.

Jesse Steele, of St. Louis, Mo., has arrived in the city for a visit with friends and relatives.

Leo Yager left this morning on his regular business trip on the road after enjoying a short visit in the city.

The mercury is hugging the zero mark again and we will have a short siege of winter again, at least.

Miss Bessie Andrews returned to her home at Peterson this morning, after a visit with relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heuer are spending the day in the country with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heuer on rural route three.

Louis Dalley returned this morning from Tipton, where he was in attendance at the funeral of the late Edward Beeler.

Mrs. Isaac Peters and granddaughter, Frances Mentzer, returned to Bluffton this morning after a visit here with friends.

C. D. Kunkle, of Monmouth, went to Berne this morning to take charge of the poultry show held there today. Mr. Kunkle is superintendent.

Mrs. N. E. Vitz, of Defiance, Ohio, who for some time has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Sellemeyer, returned to her home this morning.

Alfred Elzey returned last evening from a delightful trip in Colorado. He visited his daughter, Dora Myers at Trinidad and reported them to be well and doing fine.

Mrs. O. N. Snellen went to Willshire, Ohio, this morning, where she will make her future home. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Jack, who is here for a visit.

Charles Yager, of Pleasant Mills, is now a citizen of Decatur, being cozily domiciled on north Third street. He recently sold his store at Pleasant Mills and after that made the change in his residence.

It is not improbable that electric cars will be operated on many of the railroads in the near future. The electric cars, such as "Irene" which passed through Decatur a few days ago, would make a great hit.

Rudolph Schug and several other Berne business men were here today appearing before the commissioners in regard to the subsidy election for the Bluffton, Berne & Celina Traction company, who propose to build a line from Bluffton to Celina.

A. C. Butcher, formerly residing in Kirkland township, but now located near Chattanooga, Ohio, where he is teaching school, was in the city today for the first time since leaving here, some three months ago. He reports that he is getting along nicely in his new home and that he likes his work and the people immensely.

Thomas Thornburg, who attempted to end his earthly career Saturday evening by eating lye, is reported as getting along very well. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thornburg took him to their home in Union City, Monday night, where he will be retained until he recovers from the effects of his fiery repast.—Portland Sun.

Charles Colter made a business trip to Warren this morning.

Barney D. Ford was in the city today looking after business interests.

John Kern, of Midland, Michigan, was a business caller in the city today.

Harry Ward went to Marion this morning to look after business interests.

D. W. Beery and Jack Meibers made a business trip to Bluffton this morning.

J. L. Kalver left this morning for Montpelier, where he will look after business interests.

Mrs. O. L. Bennett left this morning for Tipton county, where she will make her future home.

Olive Schug and L. F. Scheiman went to Berne this afternoon to look after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Young, of Kokomo, are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Cramer.

Mrs. F. G. Steiner, of Willshire, was a caller in Decatur today and returned to her home this morning.

The week of prayer is being observed at the Presbyterian church and large audiences are responding.

The home talent show to be at the Bosse opera house soon will be given under the auspices of the firemen.

Mrs. S. Linton left this morning for Grover Hill, Ohio, where she will make a visit with friends and relatives.

A number of Decatur people will go to Berne tomorrow to attend the poultry show, which is on at that place.

A number of Fort Wayne Elks will attend the minstrel show to be given by the Decatur lodge in that city on Thursday and Friday evenings.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

The Toledo market report will not appear in the Democrat hereafter, although we will as heretofore correct the local market each day. J. D. Hale has discontinued the service.

The Elks parade will take place tomorrow at two o'clock, blizzard or no blizzard. Every Decatur Elk will be in line of march. The show will be unusually interesting as Elks shows are.

Mrs. Diana Rebman, 77 years of age, residing southwest of Warsaw, died Monday from the effects of burns received recently when the home of her son, John Rebman, was destroyed by fire. She was carried from the second story of the structure with her hair in flames.

Bluffton newspapers are still printing the sensations of the day, and that means that Mrs. Cotton is somewhere on earth. It would save some time and anxiety if the aforesaid Mrs. Cotton would give her itinerary to the Bluffton press, together with all the side issues she will engage in. This suspense is terrible.

Congressman and Mrs. J. A. M. Adair, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. T. S. Johnson, left on the morning train Monday for Washington, D. C., where he will resume his duties as representative of the Eighth district. Donald Hall, who will act as private secretary to Mr. Adair, left on the same train for Washington.—Portland Sun.

The funeral services of Mrs. William Briggs, of Geneva, occurred on Monday afternoon at Geneva. Mrs. Briggs died Saturday afternoon from an illness of liver trouble of a year's duration. Besides the husband the following step-children survive: Andrew G. W. W. J. E. Briggs, of Geneva, Rev. Burt Briggs, of Hammond, Jack, of Attica, and Mrs. Ella Radabaugh, of Lima, O.—Portland Sun.

The circuit court has had areal busy day, three cases being disposed of and another tried.

The foundation is being laid for a new home to be built by S. E. Hite on south Third street.

Eph Lobenstein, of Monroe, transacted business in the city today and has returned to his home.

Chris Strebe went to Rome City this morning in the interest of the C. R. & L. railroad company.

A. J. Smith left this afternoon on a business trip to Eaton, Ohio, in the interest of Smith & Bell company.

The St. Marys river is again frozen across and the boys are sharpening their skates for a little sport again.

The Decatur Rebekahs who went to Berne this afternoon will return on the midnight train. They anticipate a great time.

Auditor Michaud publishes this week his notice to taxpayers, giving the rate of taxation in every township and corporation.

Mrs. E. E. DeWitt went to Monroe this afternoon, where she will install the newly elected officers of the Royal Neighbors' lodge.

Colonel Foreman, wife and babe went to Portland this afternoon from where they will go to North Baltimore, Ohio, for their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Teeple and two children returned Tuesday morning to their home, five miles east of Geneva, after a visit with Clarke county relatives.—Portland Sun.

Th edelquent tax list appears this week, and contains but twenty-one descriptions. Such sales in Adams county amount to nothing, and are the smallest in the state.

According to postal invitations at hand we surmise that there will be something doing in Willshire on Friday evening, February 8. At that time Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hofer will do the honors.

There was a hilarious time Saturday night at the box ball alley at Ossian, owned by Daniel Eichhorn. Some of the sporty boys of the town took exception to something done last week by the manager of the alleys and they took occasion to make a rough house for him. Some of the balls were thrown clear over a curtain in the rear of the room and went rolling down into the cellar. Nobody was hurt. Monday morning Mr. Eichhorn put his son Ira in charge.

Deputy Prosecutor Charles Dalley today dismissed the case to have been tried tomorrow at Craigville against Todd Collings, charged with hunting on Sunday with Carl and Ralph Lee and Bing Sellers. This followed an acquittal in the first case tried, and it is supposed the two cases filed at Liberty Center will be dismissed also. There may be new affidavits filed in circuit court, but W. A. Lee, of Poneto, father of one of the boys arrested, and attorney for the defendants, declared that if such action is taken he will carry the question to the attorney general.—Bluffton News.

A report is being circulated among railroad employees today to the effect that F. C. Wentworth, who embezzled to the amount of \$100 while third trick operator at the local Clover Leaf office, has been convicted of grand larceny and sentenced to from two to fourteen years in the Missouri state prison. Word was received here a short time after his hasty departure to the effect that he had secured a position with the Rock Island and had been detected robbing the money drawer. His prosecution was through the Rock Island road. The rumor reached here, it is said, over the wire early in the morning and is possibly inaccurate.—Bluffton News.

CLOSING OUT

Our Entire Stock of Coal Must be Sold as Soon as Possible. All kinds of Soft Coal at

\$4.00 Per Ton

Get Our Prices on Hard Coal Before Buying

All Kinds of Wood and Kindling For Sale

DECATUR FILLER CO.

TELEPHONE 116

A number of Geneva people transacted business in the city today and returned to their home this afternoon.

Mrs. Isaac Peters returned last evening from Bluffton, where she has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Erman Mentzer and family.

Representatives of the "drys" announce that they will serve on the election boards without pay if a local option election is held in Whitley county.

The horse sale scheduled for Friday at the sale stables on First street will be great. A large consignment of excellent horses is already quarantined at the barn and those who attend will have the opportunity of bidding on the best obtainable. The sales will be conducted regularly after January 8th.

George W. Adams, a Montpelier oilworker, is in jail doing time for wife beating. Sunday evening when he went home from work he accused his wife of misconduct. She denied the accusation, and then Adams gave her a beating, striking her several times in the face. Marshal Reynolds was called and placed Adams under arrest. When arraigned before Squire Sills he pleaded guilty to assault and battery and was assessed \$14.85. Being without funds he fell to his lot to accept a berth at the county jail.

Charles G. Dalley received a letter from J. B. Merriman, who went down to Indianapolis yesterday to get acquainted with the workings of the legislature before the session begins, and Bamford has already found out that he will earn his salary dodging those wanting office, even if not called upon to do anything for those who merely pay the freight. To get away from the horde he escaped to his room for a breathing spell, but it was no good. They found out where he roomed and the door was besieged. The hotel lobbies are full of office seekers and their friends, all for a little measly office of watching a door. Surely political appointments have a charm that is past understanding to most people.—Bluffton Banner.

C. H. Hoover, who was long editor of the Hartford City News, died Sunday night at the Knapp sanitarium in Rome City. He was 54 years of age and a member of the Elks.

Noble county will vote on the local option question January 29 in accordance with an order for a special election made by the board of commissioners.

Gabriel Godfrey, chief of the Miami Indians, residing a short distance east of Peru, is seventy-five years old. He doesn't really look that old, but he is, and the seventy-fifth was celebrated on the farm where he resides Saturday in a rather quiet way.

John Helton, living half a mile west of Nottingham, fourteen miles south of Bluffton, suffered painful but not dangerous injuries Saturday night when he fell from his log wagon on the pike south of Bluffton, was deserted by his team and had to walk the entire distance home, 14 miles.

Judge Bernetha granted an injunction restraining the Plymouth city council from granting a contract to C. D. Snobarger for furnishing electric light to the city. The injunction was asked by the Messrs. Wm. Everly, A. R. Clizbe and W. G. Hendricks, who maintained that a bid submitted by Everly and Clizbe was lower and better than the one submitted by Mr. Snobarger.

THE GRAND

One of the finest shows ever come to the city. Don't forget

TONIGHT

1st Reel—"Peasant Girls' Loyalty;" "Lovers' Strategy." 2nd Reel—"Great Mail Robbery;" "Rescued by Carlo."

ILLUSTRATED SONG

"When I am Far Away"

"Everybody goes to the Grand"

Mrs. Campbell returned to her home at Muncie today after making a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Melotte.

Esquire James A. Turley, an aged citizen of Angola, was found dead in his bed Monday morning. Mr. Turley was 76 years of age and had resided in Angola twenty years. He was a native of Canada, and had resided at Wolcottville and at Ligonier.

HORSE : SALE

200 HEAD

Decatur, Ind., January 8th. 1909

We will hold our opening sale on the above date. If you have a horse that you want to sell, bring him to this sale. We have heard from a large number of our eastern buyers, who will be present at this sale. They will pay you the very highest market price for your horse. Commission \$2.50 if sold and \$1.50 if not sold. We will charge commission whether sold at public or private sale. In this sale in addition to our usual consignment of big draft horses, we will offer a great lot of brood mares and two and three-year-old colts. Come and look them over. It will pay you to do so.

DECATUR HORSE SALE CO.

YOU GIVE IT TO US

WE GIVE IT TO THE POOR

A REAL BIG ENTICING AND ENJOYABLE

MINSTREL SHOW

TO BE GIVEN FOR CHARITY, BY THE ELKS OF DECATUR AT THE BOSSE OPERA HOUSE ON

Thurs. and Fri. Nights Jan. 7th. and 8th.

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY AND FOLLOW THE BAND WAGON

BIG PARADE AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M. Don't Miss It.