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We will close out our entire line of Laces, Embroidery, Insertion, Ribbon, 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.

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Old Adams County Bank

WEATHER

Snow flurries tonight and Friday, with rising temperature.

Ed Vanell went to Geneva this morning on his regular business trip.

Eugene Runyon went to Winchester this morning to look after business interests.

D. M. Rice went to Berne this morning to be in attendance at the poultry show in session at that place.

Fred Scheiman went to Monroe this morning to look after business interests.

It was reported this morning that during last night the mercury fell to the zero mark.

Mrs. Frank Shaw, of Warsaw, was painfully hurt by being struck in the eye by a tin lid which she pried off a can of molasses.

Roscoe Brown, of Huntington county, died on a train while enroute to Phoenix, Ariz., with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Brown, of Warren.

Samuel Haverstock, newly elected recorder of DeKalb county, is so ill that he has been unable to assume the duties of his office. His term began January 1.

William McDonald, a Whitley county pioneer, is dead at his home in Larkhill from cancer. He was a brother of the late Col. I. B. McDonald, of Columbia City.

Dorothy Rakestraw, a 14-year-old Angola girl, broke through the ice while skating on Big Center lake a few days ago and was rescued by companions with much difficulty.

The late Daniel P. Baldwin, of Logansport, bequeathed his large and magnificent library to the city of Logansport, and the remainder of his estate to a niece, Miss Indian Randall.

The poultry show at Berne is succeeding nicely thus far and record breaking crowds are expected to attend Friday and Saturday. C. D. Kunkle is ably conducting the show.

The Tri-County Review, a Dunkirk weekly newspaper, has suspended publication without notification to its patrons. The plant was owned by a Decatur merchant and was managed by Otto Boggs, of Decatur. The latter has gone to Richwood, Ohio, to take charge of a weekly paper.—Portland Sun.

The barn on the farm of the Mrs. Mary Beckman estate, near Sheldon, burned to the ground yesterday evening from some mysterious cause and there was a loss of about \$1,200. Although part of the machinery which was stored in the barn was saved the majority of it was burned, with considerable grain and hay.—Bluffton Banner.

Hon. Levi Mock had a narrow escape from being badly injured this afternoon. He went to call upon Dr. Goodin, who is seriously ill, and in walking on the porch slipped, there being ice on the soles of his shoes. He grabbed the post on the porch, thus preventing a fall to the stone steps below, but slipped to the floor of the porch and suffered a badly bruised finger and severe sprains on his right leg.—Bluffton Banner.

The Decatur Elks will give a minstrel show on Thursday and Friday of this week and Bluffton is being thoroughly billed for the event. A number of local Elks and others will go from here and it was originally intended to get a special car over the Wabash Valley to bring the party back after the show but this has been abandoned and those going from here will go over on the evening train and spend the night, returning in the morning.—Bluffton News.

Dan Vail went to Geneva this morning on a business mission.

Miss Schumm went to Fort Wayne this morning for a visit with relatives.

John Tonneller went to Fort Wayne this morning to look after business affairs requiring his attention.

Mrs. Fred Warner went to Fort Wayne this morning to remain as the guest of friends for some time.

Mrs. J. L. Spencer, of Fort Wayne, passed through the city this morning enroute from Willshire to her home.

John Wemhoff and Leo Faurot left for Rensselaer, Indiana, to resume their studies in college at that place.

C. D. Kunkle returned to Berne this morning to resume duties as superintendent of the poultry show, after visiting over night with his family.

Mrs. A. F. Shoaf and daughter, Ada, went to Fort Wayne this morning to remain for some time as the guests of friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. Vordrau, of Ohio, who for some time has been the guest of relatives here, went to Fort Wayne this morning to make a stay with friends.

John Britt, who went from Bluffton to Missouri several weeks ago, has announced that he will return, walking the entire distance. Britt has considerable money, but does not care to expend it for railroad fare.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coverdale have returned from a trip through the south. After visiting at Vicksburg with the party they went to New Orleans and coming back spent Sunday at Memphis, Tenn.—Bluffton Banner.

There is nothing doing in police circles to speak of and the justices content themselves by roasting their shins, so to speak. A marriage now and then breaks the silence, but really there are very few violators of the law and order.

A movement has been set on foot for the organization of an up to date degree staff by the Modern Woodmen lodge here, and it is hereby requested that every member be present at the next meeting that the members of the new team can be selected. Paraphernalia will be purchased at once.

Fred Beberstine, son of Emanuel Beberstine, today bought the Decatur DeWitt 40 acre farm and all on the place with the exception of an old horse, for \$2,400. Mr. DeWitt will remain on the farm for the present and Mr. Beberstine will build himself a new house.—Bluffton News.

The big horse sale to be held Saturday at the First street sale stables will certainly be the best auction of the kind ever held in the city. A large consignment of excellent horses has been quartered at the barn and notices have been sent to many foreign buyers who will no doubt respond in large numbers.

This is the first time that the ice man has had a hunch that there is a chance for a harvest for the frozen water. And the hunch was certainly welcome to Cornie, who anticipates that he will soon have a large quantity of ice safely stored away. The coal men are thriving also, and it seems that no one has any kick coming.

H. H. Deam will enter tonight upon an engagement as an evangelistic singer at Fort Wayne and will assist the Rev. C. A. Rowand in revival meetings at the First M. E. church of that city. He will go over each evening on the five o'clock car and sing each night, returning here for his work during the day at Studebaker & Sons office. Mr. Deam will organize a chorus choir for singing in addition to his singing of solos.—Bluffton News.

Dr. J. S. Coverdale is reported on the sick list.

Chris Strobe made a business trip to Ridgeville this morning.

Thomas Durkins went to Berne this afternoon to look after business interests.

William Mersman of north Second street is sick and under the care of a physician.

Rev. J. H. Klausing, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church, was in the city on business today.

The date for the delinquent tax sale is the second Monday in February, the date being February 8.

Reports from Rome City are to the effect that Miss Bertha Hart is not getting along as well as usual.

A man in Bluffton has been sued by another man for the support of his wife. This is certainly a troublesome age.

Henry Decker, of Geneva, was a business caller in Decatur today, and returned to his home on the afternoon train.

Decatur mails are beginning to increase, and it is partly caused by the many hundreds of inquiries that daily come to the Ward Fence Co.

Squire James H. Smith performed a wedding ceremony this morning, which joined the lives of Charles Morningstar and Miss Blanche Willroth, of Jefferson township.

O. T. Hendricks, of Monroe, is home from a visit of some length at Portland with the party they went to New Orleans and coming back spent Sunday at Memphis, Tenn.—Bluffton Banner.

A. M. Fisher is going to have a sale of all the personal property on his farm, and that consists of all sorts of stock and farming implements. It will be a big sale and the date is Tuesday, January 19.

The six o'clock closing order is being taken advantage of by nearly every business house in the city. Those who put off their trading until evening will get left from this time until the first of April.

The Postal Telegraph company is contesting with the Western Union at Bluffton for the business of that place. The many hot specials about Mrs. Cotton has increased the telegraph business there considerably.

All the young ladies who took part in the chorus of "A Bachelor's Honey Moon" are requested to call at the home of Mr. Thomas some time after school tomorrow evening for the purpose of arranging the chorus for the fire department benefit show.

The C. B. & C. railroad, the shortest line in this section of the country with one of the longest court records ever credited to any railway system is again in litigation and this time faces a suit for \$35,000, brought by the Erie railroad company in the Huntington circuit court.

William Halsey, 21 years of age, pleaded guilty to grand larceny Saturday at Plymouth and was sentenced to the Jeffersonville prison for from one to fourteen years. The earnest and conviction of Halsey were brought about in a peculiar manner. Jay Wareham, a young man of Bremen, Ind., was run over by a B. & C. train and suffered as a consequence the amputation of a leg. His mother besought him, in view of his critical condition, to make due and proper confessions of any covert acts of which he had been suspicious. In order that he might be at peace with God, Wareham thereupon confessed that he was implicated with Halsey in the theft of tools from the radiator works at Bremen, and it was upon his confession that Halsey was apprehended. Halsey was arrested at South Bend.

Under the new rule recently adopted by officials of traction lines in Indiana, agents must not sell intoxicating persons tickets and conductors must not carry drunks or persons under the influence of liquor and it is believed that the order will soon become effective on the steam lines. The new ruling meets with the favor of the general public, which is protected from a very undesirable class of passengers. Persons who are intoxicated and unable to take care of themselves invariably blame the company when accidents befall them. In other cases offensive language and disgusting conduct, both of which are indulged in by drunks, are more than annoying to lady passengers. There is one drawback, the average person can't tell whether a man is under the influence of liquor or is a sick man.

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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

Mrs. Frank Aljwein, of Shelby, O., arrived this afternoon for a visit with relatives.

J. H. Striker, of Berne, has returned to his home after transacting business in the city.

J. C. Leiter went to Monroe this afternoon to transact business in the interest of A. Van Camp.

Miss Nanna Vorhees, of Berne, was in the city today visiting friends and returned to her home this afternoon.

M. F. Rice and his nephew, William Rice, of Goodland, went to Berne this afternoon to attend the big poultry show.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Schwartz, of Fort Wayne were in the city today after making a brief visit in the city with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Mack, of Birmingham, Ala., left for their home this afternoon, after visiting here for some time with the Allisons.

The Rebekah ladies, who were at Berne last evening conferring with the various candidates, returned early this morning. They reported a most delightful time.

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Some low-lived son-of-a-gun stole about ten or fifteen bushels of corn from the crib of Mrs. Mike Hopf last Monday evening. The cowardly curs, who ever they are dropped a handkerchief in the crib, and it is thought they can be traced by that. If caught they should be dealt with severely, for entering the premises of this aged and respected lady, for they evidently were too cowardly to go where there was a man about to get in their dastardly work.

THE GRAND

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

TONIGHT

First reel—The Elf King. Second reel—The Football Warrior.

ILLUSTRATED SONG

Song—"Always Me."

"Everybody goes to the Grand"

The railroads are not doing a very big business at present.

The Ben Hur lodge officers will be installed tomorrow night.

Several trains were late on the various railroads as a consequence of the very cold weather.

Do not forget the home talent show to be given by the firemen at the Bosse January 19, 1909. It will be a big hit and the people should attend.

A special meeting will be held Saturday night by the fire laddies at which time they will discuss plans in regard to the big benefit show they will stage soon.

The election of a board of directors for the Decatur Cemetery Association will take place this evening at the office of J. H. Stone. It is likely that the old board will be retained, as they have done much for the association.

The seat sale for the Elks minstrel show was all that could be expected, one grand rush being the order of things, and never stopped until they were all tacked down. The board will be open tomorrow morning for the performance tomorrow night.

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.