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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.

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Old Adams County Bank

WEATHER

Partly cloudy with snow flurries extreme north portion tonight or Saturday; colder north portion tonight.

Several Geneva men transacted business in Decatur today.

Do not forget the date of the farmers' institute, January 27, 28.

The poultry show at Berne is a decided winner and the attendance is big.

Mr. Nash, a member of last year's ball club, was a visitor in the city today.

J. H. Heller will return tomorrow from a several days' business trip to Indianapolis.

The cold spell continues, and it is hoped that we will get the winter weather in a bunch now.

The merchants are doing a good business at present and from indications they will have a good year.

Bert Townsend, of Peoria, Ill., arrived this afternoon for a several days' visit with friends and relatives.

There is some talk in Decatur about organizing a ball club for this summer. The fans are getting warmed up.

A number of brilliant social events are scheduled for next week, a report of which will be made in these columns.

There are several big business transactions pending in Decatur, which, if consummated, will cause some surprise.

The minstrel given at the Bosse last night was certainly great and was well appreciated by every one present.

A. B. Bailey, of Monroe, was in the city today looking after business interests and has returned to his home.

The fire occurring at Preble a few days ago was a disastrous one, although the loss was practically covered by insurance.

Mr. Ingham, of Fort Wayne, representing the Lincoln National Life Insurance company was in the city today looking after business affairs.

The money realized by the Elks in their efforts will be used for charity, therefore let every one who can attend and encourage the noble cause.

All members of the Ben Hur lodge are expected to be at tonight's meeting as the officers-elect will be installed and a general good time will be enjoyed.

The Adams county farmers look forward for a successful year in 1909. They expect big crops and it is hoped that they will not be disappointed in their expectation.

There was a mad rush this morning for the purchase of seats for tonight's minstrel and as we go to press the seat sale is big. The Elks can draw a crowd at any time for they are royal.

The people of Huntington have been terrorized the past few days by several mad dog scares. None of the scares have materialized into the real thing, although at the last one several other dogs were bitten and it is feared that they will develop hydrophobia.

Charles G. Quick will be brought home tomorrow evening from Plymouth, where he has spent the past two months in the sanitarium at that place. It is understood that a complete recovery has been effected and the man is now in better condition than at any time for several years. Relatives will leave tomorrow morning to accompany Mr. Quick home.

Mr. Shallenbarger has gone to Monroe to transact business.

Leo Yager returned this afternoon from his regular business trip on the road.

Chris Meyers went to Geneva this afternoon to look after tailoring business.

Mrs. Ella Rice returned this afternoon from a visit with friends at Fort Wayne.

E. M. Ray, of Berne, returned to his home this afternoon from a business trip to this city.

Zero weather seems a little out of the ordinary, but we are getting a touch of it during the nights.

H. D. Beavers, of New York City, representing a big horse firm, was in attendance at the horse sale today.

A dog belonging to Conrad Kahler, of near Nappanee, developed rabies. It bit a dog. Both the animals were killed.

Postoffice receipts at Valparaiso for December were \$600 greater than for December, 1907. That is going some.

DeKalb county is now "dry" the last saloon there having been put out of business by remonstrance on Wednesday.

Rev. King, of Geneva, is going after the sinners down there, and has advertised three sermons, for the next three Sundays.

E. R. Wallace, of Plymouth, was the lowest bidder for the construction of the public building at Niles, Mich., his bid being \$54,300.

Luman K. Babcock, of Lagrange, on Wednesday resigned his position as secretary to Governor Hanly in order to take up his duties as joint representative in the legislature.

Harvey Sawyer, Will Dailey and Homer Mitchell went to Decatur this morning to play with a Decatur band at the Elks minstrels which take place this evening.—Bluffton News.

John Weaver as administrator of the estate of Eldridge Weaver, deceased, will hold a sale of personal property on January 12, at the late home of the decedent in Wabash township.

A peculiar suit was venue here today from the Adams county circuit court which will probably raise some intricate law points. The suit involves several large insurance agencies and is entitled David E. Scott vs. Louis C. Graham.—Bluffton Banner.

The report of the business at the St. Joseph hospital for the past year which has just been issued is as follows: Patients received, 1,056; cured, 582; improved by treatment, 389; received no benefit, 25; died, 60; operations, 746. Fourteen of the deaths resulted from accidents.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

While driving across a road crossing just east of Warsaw Wednesday afternoon, Chester Munson, residing southeast of that city, was struck by the eastbound Manhattan limited train on the Pennsylvania. Munson's buggy was carried a distance of fifty feet with the driver a distance of fifty feet and miraculously with three broken ribs and some scratches and bruises. His horse was killed and the buggy reduced to splinters.

After an absence of 11 years, during which time he has neither seen nor heard from his father, William Huffman, of Millgrove, Blackford county, has received a letter telling of his location in Montana where he is engaged in trapping. The communication from the elder Huffman is quite interesting. Mack Huffman left many years ago and during all that time has never written to relatives of his whereabouts.

The Decatur Furnace company is doing a good business at present.

Harry Smith went to Monroe this afternoon to look after business interests.

First street was lined with vehicles today as many farmers attended the horse sale.

Mike McGriff, of Geneva, transacted business in the city today and has returned to his home.

A. J. Schonacker, representing the Coppock Motor Car company, made a business trip to Fort Wayne this afternoon.

Prof. Sprunger, formerly of Berne, now one of the foremost vocalists of the country, will be in Decatur next week on business.

Harry Lowenstein, of Fort Wayne, attended the horse sale today and purchased several animals before returning to his home.

Samuel Acker, of Geneva, was in the city this morning visiting relatives and transacting business and returned to his home this afternoon.

The members of the fire department are requested to be present at the special meeting called for tomorrow evening as important business will be transacted.

The program for the farmers' institute to be held in Decatur is out, and represents some very good talent. A great time is promised he farmers on this annual occasion.

The opera house will be packed again tonight and the Elks will realize a neat sum of money from their efforts. W. A. Lower made the announcement last evening that the same show would be given tonight with an entire change of program.

The public should bear in mind that the fire department will give a big benefit local talent show on the evening of January 18 and they ask your support. The proceeds are to be given your support. The proceeds is to be applied on the purchase of a fire team and the cause is worthy.

The orchestra which furnished music for the minstrel show last night is certainly the best heard in this city in years. The out of town people who assisted were Messrs. P. J. Cahill, Oron Ogton and J. Landis, of Fort Wayne, and Harvey Sawyer, Homer Mitchell and William Dally, of Bluffton. They are all thorough musicians. Hear them tonight.

All persons who exhibit corn at the farmers' institute must notify the secretary, C. S. Mumma, phone 106, Decatur, on or before January 26, 1909. All corn must be placed in the care of the proper committee by 10:00 a. m. on the first day of the institute. Each exhibitor for a prize must be a resident of Adams county and become a member of the institute.

Ira Ford, of Lagrange county, has compiled some interesting facts connected with poultry raising in Lagrange county. There are not less than 150,000 chickens in Lagrange county and the poultry business will reach not less than \$200,000. From thirty to fifty persons in this county are now breeding along definite lines and producing poultry that is commanding the highest prices in the markets.

Ex-trustee W. H. Davis went to Fort Wayne and Decatur today on his first trip as a traveling salesman. He has accepted a position with the W. L. Baker school supply firm of Indianapolis and he will also act as agent for the heaters which have been adopted in Wells county for the wagons in which children are hauled to school. These heaters have proven so successful that it is expected that Mr. Davis will have a good sale on them.—Bluffton News.

William Anderson, of Hartford township, was a business visitor in the city today.

The blacksmiths are doing a good business these days. This is their busy time.

Engagement extraordinary at the Grand tonight. Two big reels. Come and see it.

Several car loads of horses will be shipped from Decatur tomorrow to the eastern market.

John W. McKean of Linn Grove, was in the city today calling on many of his old friends and acquaintances.

D. L. Shalley, of Berne, was exhibiting a gasoline iron in the city today which looks good and is being purchased about as fast as an ordinary man can write the orders.

The members of the Krueckeberg family, who several weeks ago were ill from typhoid fever, have recovered and not a single death has been recorded, which is indeed fortunate.

The coal men are thriving at present. The sudden falling of the temperature created an immediate demand for coal and the wagons have been unusually busy for several days.

A rumor gaining circulation from unauthoritative sources is to the effect that Fred Richards has returned to prison and asked admission for the remainder of his life. The rumor is denied.

Word comes from Dr. C. B. Wilcox that he will be here Sunday and will fill the pulpit at the M. E. church. He will speak in the morning from the subject "A Vision on the Isle of Patmos."

The new invention of Berling and Bainter, the chicken picking device, is certainly commanding recognition. It does the work like a charm and inquiries are arriving frequently in regard to it.

Noah Beberstine, of Geneva, is agent for a patent fence post and one of the best ever on the market. He was displaying it to many in this city today, and received much encouragement in the way of orders.

John W. Tyndall came home from Indianapolis last evening, where he witnessed the opening of the legislature and helped the Democratic boys get off on their right foot. Things were lively there and it is safe to say that John had a good time.

Dr. C. B. Wilcox will remain in Decatur but a few months, as he has announced publicly that he will resign from the active pastorate at the April meeting of the north Indiana conference. There is much speculation as to who will be chosen to succeed him and no one has yet advanced a proposition which would give any light on the affair.

Fort Wayne friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Kirchner, of Freble, Adams county, have been advised of the burning of the Kirchner home Wednesday afternoon. The fire is believed to have originated from a defective flue, and was first noticed by Miss Lena Bienz, who resides across the street from the Kirchner home. The furniture on the first floor of the house was saved, but that on the upper floor was consumed with the building.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Bliss Hotel association in February the members will discuss the lowering of the amount of money to be paid annually by Del Locke, present manager of the hotel. Mr. Locke has a lease for ten years, whereby he pays \$5,000 a year for the hotel. Since the saloon has gone out of business he loses nearly \$100 a month and he wishes to have the figures lowered. The matter was discussed at the last meeting of the association, but nothing was done.—Bluffton Banner.

As we go to press the horse sale is still on and bidding is spirited.

Miss Jessie Simson, of Berne, was in the city last evening visiting friends.

The Elks band was out again today and played some fine music upon our streets.

Fred Schropmen, of Hoagland, was among the throng that visited the city of Decatur and took in the horse sale today.

The large crowd today shows what the horse sale does for Decatur business. People came from everywhere and the sale entertained one of its largest crowds.

Charley Ross known to quite a number of people at least at Geneva, is seriously ill at his home at Indianapolis, and his friends are anxious about his recovery.

A number of Salvation Army workers have been in the city this week soliciting funds and from what we can learn they were quite successful in securing donations.

The Elks band done the stunt all by themselves today by giving a band concert on the street at three o'clock this afternoon. The show tonight—like old cheese—gets better with age. It is the greatest stunt of the age, and the fellow who misses it misses fully three-quarters of his life.

Andrew G. Burry, a former Berne boy but now of Fort Wayne, was married on Wednesday of this week to Miss Ida Lister, at her home town, Gliddon, Iowa. Mr. Burry is very well known and remembered by the Berne people even though he has lived in Allen county's metropolis since about fourteen years ago. It is with much interest that his Berne friends learn of his marriage.—Berne Witness.

A. Leach left yesterday for his home at Mansfield, after being the guest of his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Suttles in this city.

The Rebekahs of Decatur, 26 in number were here Wednesday to do initiatory work in the Berne Rebekah lodge. They initiated five candidates.—Berne Witness.

Decatur is going to have what Portland needs. A new city hall will be erected there this year and plans are being drawn by several architects to submit to the building committee for acceptance. The structure will be three stories in height, the fire department occupying the first floor, the city clerk, treasurer and mayor the second and the council chamber the third.—Portland Sun.

THE GRAND

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

His Sweetheart When a Boy.
Ju-Jitsu Children.

ILLUSTRATED SONG
Moonbeams Dream of You.

"Everybody goes to the Grand"

CROUP

THERE IS NOTHING that strikes terror to the hearts of parents more than to be awakened in the night by the ringing cough which accompanies an attack of croup. The child may retire with nothing but a slight cold and a few hours later the family be aroused by the ominous symptoms. Every home where there are small children should be prepared for these sudden attacks, as prompt treatment is necessary. Do not experiment with remedies of doubtful value, but get

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

that has been in use for nearly forty years and never known to fail.

Mr. Homer Krohn, of Lisbon, Iowa, in a letter to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "Out of the many bottles sold last winter not one was returned. We recommend it especially for children with croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its prompt cures of coughs, colds and croup. When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse an attack of croup may be averted. This medicine is entirely free from narcotics or injurious substances of any kind and may be given to the little ones with absolute safety.

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Attacks of croup are most likely to occur during the early winter months, and every family with young children should be prepared for it. Keep a bottle of CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY in your home. It only costs a quarter, large size 50 cents. Your druggist sells it.

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

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