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**WEATHER.**  
Fair and continued cold tonight; Sunday fair, with higher temperature.

The inclement weather prevailing at present will retard all building in Decatur.

Sleighting is again fine and a number of Decaturites were taking advantage of same today.

Judge J. W. Adair, of Columbia City, long on the circuit court bench has just qualified as a notary public.

Roy Miller, son of ex-County Recorder John Miller, of Bluffton, is a signalman on the new battleship Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Spright, of Fort Wayne, have come to the city for a visit with friends and relatives. They will remain here for an indefinite length of time.

The school board held a very interesting meeting last night at which time the salaries of the teachers and janitors were allowed. Other bills were also allowed.

The home of Jonan Corson, at Murray, Wells county, was destroyed by fire at midnight Wednesday night. The family was awakened and barely managed to escape.

Mrs. Moser remains about the same. Her condition is becoming weaker each day, and she cannot last but a few days longer according to the opinion of the physicians.

Hon. S. W. Hale, of Geneva, was in the city today looking after business of interest to his real estate holdings there. He reports Geneva as being almost stormed in at present.

Everybody is invited to attend the box social to be given at the C. B. L. of I. hall Monday night. It will be a delightful affair and those who attend will have an enjoyable time.

When the natives awakened this morning they found the first real winter we have had. The snow is drifted in places until it is several feet in depth and the sidewalks are scarcely passable.

Trustee Samuel Butler has been busy for several days supplying the wants of poor people. He has had many calls for aid and in cases which were deserving he furnished food and clothing for the people.

J. H. Heller will return this afternoon from Indianapolis to remain over Sunday with his family. He will go back to the capital city tomorrow night and resume duties as file clerk in the house of representatives.

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Asa York, aged 79 years, a Marshall county farmer, dropped dead at Plymouth Wednesday morning.

The Decatur Furnace factory will be closed down next Monday and Tuesday to allow an inventory to be made of the stock on hands.

John Williams of west Madison street is still seriously ill. His condition has caused alarm among his many friends. He is suffering from stomach trouble.

Dr. J. M. Bash, of Warsaw, was found unconscious Thursday morning having sustained a stroke of paralysis during the night. His condition is extremely critical.

The M. W. A. Foresters team held a meeting last night and got in some good practice work. The measure of all those present was taken and suits were ordered for them.

A number of Decatur people are planning to attend the funeral of the late John Haggard, to be held at Monroe tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. He was well known here.

The Rev. Ira Hicks promises us a month of blustery and cold weather during February, and we may as well prepare for the fulfillment of his prophecy if the present conditions are a criterion.

We are experiencing another cold spell after having a sample of summer like weather. There will be no surprise if we will pay for the clemency extended by the weather man during the next few weeks.

Judge R. K. Erwin will deliver an address on the 10th of February in Bluffton on the occasion of the dedication of the new lodge house of the Knights of Pythias lodge in that city. —Fort Wayne Sentinel.

John, the six-year-old son of Forest Rupright, living north of Ossian, is dead as the result of drinking kerosene oil. The little tot found a tin-soup filled with the oil and thought it water. Physicians arrived too late to save his life.

Ladies accompanied by gentlemen will be exclusively admitted at the box ball alley, room on Madison street Monday night. The intervening time between seven and eleven Monday evening will be dedicated to ladies and their friends.

Philo Willetts, a well known resident of Andrews, was arrested Thursday on a charge of perjury. It is alleged he made affidavit to owning unincumbered real estate when as a matter of fact he had placed a mortgage upon it. Willetts gave bond in the sum of \$300.

There was a drunken street row at Ligonier Saturday evening in which the city marshal was "beat up" more or less. It was an inopportune time for trouble of this kind as it disturbed Hon. B. F. Deahl, of Goshen, who was to make a temperance speech there the next day—and he remembered.

Great preparations are being made for the big horse sale to be held at the First street sale stables next Friday. The buyers for the Decatur Horse company are putting forth an effort to have the best consignment ever offered for sale in the county. Quite a number of animals have already been quartered at the stables.

Frederick LaDelle and family left this morning for Toledo, Ohio, where they will open an engagement in a big vaudeville house. They expected to go to Cincinnati, but received a telegram yesterday requesting them to go to Toledo. The LaDelles are certainly popular over the country, they having established a wide reputation as magicians.

L. L. Martz, pension agent, has made record in this county, which he thinks was never beaten. The forepart of the week he got a pension for Mrs. Koontz, for the amount of twelve dollars a month, besides twenty-one dollars in accrued pension money which was due her husband. Mr. Koontz had only been dead a month Jan. 15 and the rapidity with which this claim was put through and the pension allowed with the accrued pension money Mr. Martz believes establishes a record which has never been beaten in this county.—Bluffton Banner.

Miss Winifred Ellingham is laid up nursing a case of lagrippe that at present writing has slightly the better of her.

Revival services will begin at the M. E. church in this city one week from tomorrow night and will continue for several weeks.

The school board held a very interesting meeting last night at which time they allowed the salaries of the teachers and janitors.

Bluffton Elks have appointed a committee to investigate the proposition of buying a home, and they are expected to report upon their investigations at a meeting that will be held at an early date.

Word from Monroe verifies the fact that the Monroe Grain, Hay and Milling company is doing a very good business. Their mammoth elevator is well filled with grain brought in by farmers living in that vicinity.

Reports from C. K. Ross, the former Geneva business man, who has been ill with pneumonia at his Indianapolis home, are to the effect that he is no better, and his family fear that he may not recover.

The roads over the county are almost impassable, as a consequence of the heavy and drifting snow. A number of the trains on the different roads were decidedly late on account of big drifts on the track.

A goodly number of farmers were in the city today doing their weekly trading and the merchants did a fair business. The tillers of the soil are thankful that the snow came with the change to cold as it will thus preserve the wheat.

Attorney C. J. Lutz has returned from Auburn, where this week he assisted in defending the Fort Wayne & Springfield Interurban company in the damage suit instituted against them by Mrs. Bubb. The arguments will be heard next Tuesday.

Rev. Edgar Jones, pastor of the Monroe M. E. church, is conducting revival services at present and he is having good success. Many have already found their way to the altar, and many more are expected to be converted before the meetings close.

L. B. Slaughter, of Goshen, is establishing marble and granite shops in all the large cities of northern Indiana and southern Michigan. He already has shops in Goshen, Elkhart and Mishawaka and South Bend, and now has organized a company and opened a shop in Niles.

The meeting of the council to be held next Tuesday night will be the most important one held for a long time by this body in one respect. They will make final arrangements as to the building of the new city hall, something Decatur has needed for years. Every one boost the proposition.

Probably the youngest jurymen ever called to fill a place on a Wells county petit jury was yesterday summoned to appear next Thursday for the February term of court. The young man is Elmer Hastings, residing west of the city, who has passed his twenty-first birthday but a short time ago.—Bluffton Banner.

Lon Ozley, who was paralyzed last Saturday, is no better today and if anything is growing weaker. Ozley is still at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Art Costello, where he was when the stroke came on and he cannot be moved. He can neither talk nor write and is unable to eat anything. His condition is considered critical.—Bluffton News.

Joseph Moor, a lineman employed by the Toledo and Chicago Interurban road, came in contact with a live wire while making some repairs beneath a car at Kendallville Thursday afternoon, and 3,300 volts of electricity passed through his body. Moor was unconscious several hours and his recovery is doubtful. The man's home is at Auburn Junction.

Don L. Quinn came home from Indianapolis last evening, where he arranged for a garage and accomplished several other stunts in behalf of the Coppock Motor Car company. They are sending a car there today and that, with the ones sold there, will create some stir among those who look with favor upon this method of transportation. The car sold the fire department there is doing good work and being complimented upon all sides.

With the Portland electric light and water plants losing money steadily and plunging deeper and deeper into debt, the much belated question has at last arisen, "What is the remedy?" Not one taxpayer in a hundred has the faintest conception of the true conditions surrounding the two systems, nor has there ever been an effort made by the council and the administration to show affairs in their true light. The council must have understood the situation and yet they did not take it upon themselves as representatives of the people to tell the people why there has been no decrease in taxation.—Portland Sun.

Mrs. DeVilbiss is continuing on the mend, since the operation for the removal of a tumor and she will soon be well.

William Halligus, of Elgin, Ill., traveling agent for the Watkins' Medicine company, is in the city making a visit with C. R. Dunn.

The inaugural address of Governor Marshall, in pamphlet form, has reached this city in considerable number, and will be laid away for future reference.

Mrs. Margaret Coffee is recovering nicely from the operation she underwent a few days ago. Although of a ripe old age she is displaying wonderful vitality.

Regardless of the heavy snow, sledging is not very good in places, on account of the snow drifting so much. Farmers who came to the city today say the roads are almost impassable at places.

The ice men have hopes now of an early harvest, but who knows but what the weather will be balmy as a June day tomorrow. Even the weather man has but little hope of his predictions coming true.

The Elks will have a big time on next Friday, when they will confer the work on a class of twenty. The work will begin in the afternoon and continue until late at night or early morning. The work will be conferred upon the entire class at this session.

Notwithstanding the stormy weather, the cars on the Fort Wayne & Springfield run on schedule time today. It was a disagreeable day both for the employee and the passengers. Dan R. Vail leaves tonight for St. Louis and other cities on business for the Decatur Filler company.

Robert Blackburn, the pension attorney, has secured a number of pensions in January, the following soldiers' widows being remembered by Uncle Sam: Sarah A. Simons, widow of John C. Simons of Geneva; Rebecca Phipps, widow of Capt. John Phipps; Lucy J. Gregory, widow of Augustus C. Gregory; and Hannah Suddeth, widow of Harrison Suddeth all of this city.

A special program will be rendered at the meeting to be held by the Epworth League of the M. E. church tomorrow evening. The earthquake in Italy will be the topic for discussion and some very interesting facts will be presented. A splendid music program will also be rendered and the affair will indeed be of great interest. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

The boys of the Holy Grail will hold a meeting next Tuesday night for the purpose of arranging for a public senate to be given the first week of March. The Monroe castle of the Holy Grail will be invited to attend as will the Knights of King Arthur of this city. The boys are arranging for a great time.

Chancey S. Stetson of the south part of the city, is confined to his home with a severe case of stomach trouble.

That the old people's and orphans' home at Warren will be built is the assurance given by Rev. J. A. Beatty, of Huntington, who was in Warren Wednesday attending a meeting of trustees of the proposed institution. But a small amount of money remains to be raised to comply with the requirement made by Mr. and Mrs. William Chopson, who are donating \$25,000. The trustees took action to cover this deficiency until such time as it can be subscribed, and the home is now assured under the auspices of the North Indiana Methodist conference.



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U. S. Drummond, of Pleasant Mills, was a business caller in the city yesterday, and has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Schnacker, of Fort Wayne, have come to the city to remain for some time as the guests of friends.

Mrs. S. E. James went to Fort Wayne this morning to remain for some time as the guest of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Levi Baker, of south Second street, is somewhat improved this afternoon, and from indications will soon recover.

Business was not very brisk today, the weather being too much for the general public to stand for. If this is but a sample of what February has in store for us, the Lord have mercy on our soul.

John Singleton, the auctioneer, was in the city today looking after business in his line. Farm sales will soon be the general order of things, and it is expected that Adams county will have her usual grind in this line.

The board of commissioners will meet Monday in their regular February session. Martin Laughlin will meet with the board, unless the weather would be too disagreeable. He is still improving, but is not yet sound and well.

Representative Merriman, of Wells county, was the recipient of a grist of telegrams from his friends and party workers over his stand in refusing to join in the repeal of the county local option law. The Wells county representative is fast looming into a bright and shining light among the body of lawmakers, and thus far is deserving of the congratulations of the party not alone in Wells county, but the state as well.

Have you secured one of the law books which are being given away by the Daily Democrat? If not, you should not let the grass grow under your feet. It is a premium which will be of great benefit to every one. The book contains valuable knowledge. We are giving them away absolutely free to those who pay their subscription one year, in advance. We do this to show our appreciation for the patronage of our subscribers.

Mrs. A. G. Briggs, of Geneva, who was called to Celina, Ohio, several days ago on account of the serious illness of her grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Small, passed through this city Thursday enroute to her home in Geneva, leaving the condition of Mrs. Small unimproved. Mrs. Briggs will go to Delaware, Ohio, Friday to be with her son, James Briggs, who is in a hospital at that place as the result of injuries received while on a coasting trip with several college students. His injuries are not serious.—Portland Sun.

The Independent, a newspaper edited by Harold Wilcox, at St. Louis, Michigan, has reached our exchange table, and its appearance is suggestive of progressiveness. (Besides having an abundance of advertising, it is well edited and has every quality which goes to make a strictly up to date periodical. This week's issue was the result of Harold's maiden effort in newspaperdom and he has the earmarks of a really good pencil pusher. That his success will have no bounds, is a wish which expresses the sentiment of his innumerable friends in this city.

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DECATUR, INDIANA

R. E. Peters left today for Waterloo, where he will spend Sunday with friends and relatives.  
An exciting contest was pulled off at the Palace bowling alley last night and a large number of spectators witnessed the games.  
There will be appropriate religious services held at the various churches tomorrow and the public is invited to attend these services.

Miss Zoa Miller and Mrs. Chas. Loch returned from a visit at Fort Wayne last night.  
A combination Duroc sale is on at Bluffton on Monday, February 8. Those interested in the sale are D. E. Studabaker of this city, David Colbert, of Warren, O. E. Markley of Bluffton, T. E. Adams of Columbia City and H. E. Browning of Hershman, Ill. The sale is expected to be a good one.

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