



**ROYAL**  
Baking Powder  
*Absolutely Pure*

The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar—made from grapes.

Royal Baking Powder conveys to food the most healthful of fruit properties and renders it superior in flavor and wholesomeness.

#### WEATHER.

Generally fair tonight and Thursday; frost south portion tonight.

Mrs. Robert Allison is quite sick at her home.

A. J. Smith is attending the North Indiana conference at Greenfield.

Dr. S. D. Beavers returned from Fort Wayne, where he transacted business.

Joe Hunter has been quite busy passing out the new telephone books.

The Royal Neighbors held an interesting meeting at their hall last night.

Miss Cecil Eady is visiting her aunt Mrs. Martin Stalter of Peterson, for several days.

Mrs. Curtis Miller and baby of Root township, arrived home from Bluffton today, where she was visiting with relatives.

Mrs. J. Brown and son Frances of Root township, arrived home today from Bluffton, where she was visiting with friends.

A branch office of the Singer Sewing Machine company has been opened in the Brock building and Miss Amelia Webber has a position with the company.

Moses & Meyers, the up to date furniture dealers, today shipped a car load of furniture to Berne. The boys are the kind of hustlers who go out after the business and get it.

Frankie Sutherland, of Butler, six years of age, while running away from his mother to evade punishment for some small short-coming, ran against a stove with such force as to sustain concussion of the brain.

A few days ago word was received from John Winans, a former Decatur boy now living at Bellefontaine, Ohio, stating that a son had come to brighten his household. Last evening came the sad news that the child had died and that the mother was very low with chances against her recovery.

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## GRAND

New and Up-to-Date Films for this Evening.

Paper Cock-a-doodles.  
Two Unlucky Thieves.  
Song, The National game

Everybody Goes to the Grand



### The Worry

The Loss, and most of all, the poor business policy of paying your bills by cash can be avoided with a checking account here.

The holiday purchases, the ordinary expenses, in fact every expenditure, should be paid with a check. Then you are protected against your own errors and the acts of unscrupulous business people you might deal with, for each paid check is a legal voucher in itself.

**OLD**  
Adams Co. Bank

Mrs. Darius Rice, of Portland, went to Willshire today to visit friends.

Mrs. Robert Blackburn went to Fort Wayne today to visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. L. Gay went to Goshen today for a several days' visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. D. B. Erwin and daughters, Ireta and Doris, went to Pleasant Mills today for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Ernsberger, who has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, returned to her home at Celina.

Abraham Brandyberry, a brother of little Major Brandyberry, will leave for his home at Youngstown tomorrow.

Mrs. David Steele, of Kirkland township, was a little better today. She has been dangerously ill for some time.

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The members of the Woodmen Lodge should be present tonight at the regular meeting and participate in the important business to be transacted.

Miss Minta Acker will arrive home today from Geneva for several days' vacation. She will spend a part of the time in Indianapolis, visiting with friends.

Trustees Cowens, of Hartford, and Hoffman of Preble township, were in the city today attending to business of interest to their respective townships.

Miss Mabel Weldy will go to Peterson tomorrow to visit with her brother, Oscar, before going to Marion to attend the musical conservatory at that place.

George Wilson is home from the Hope hospital, Fort Wayne, where he spent a month in treatment. He is looking much better and is continuing to improve.—Bluffton News.

The time is almost at hand for the cleaning and beautifying of lawns, and as Decatur homes all look the best, there will be much of this work done this spring. Last summer was a hard one on grass, and it may take an unusual lot of coaxing to get a fresh start again.

Mrs. Albert Lochner and daughter Edna returned to Fort Wayne. They were the guests of her mother, Mrs. Elijah Walters.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Schenk, of Berne, returned home Tuesday after spending the day with the family of her father, J. R. Atkinson, of Salamonie.—Portland Sun.

Mrs. Charles Locke returned to her home in Decatur last evening after spending a few days in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller.—Bluffton Banner.

Mr. Frank Blossom, formerly of Blue Creek township, has purchased a farm of twenty acres at Clayton, Michigan. Frank says he is going to take it easy, the rest of his days.

Mrs. Zimmerman returned to her home at Cedarville today. While here she was the guest of her brother, Andrew, G. W. Teeple and Thomas Teeple and her sister, Mrs. Elijah Walters.

Thomas Souers, who figured in the sensational tragedy three years ago, when he shot and killed Benjamin Thomas in the general store at Troy City, in Jefferson township, Huntington county, completed his sentence in the state prison last week and Saturday returned to his home in Warren.

B. F. Mart, of near Lake Galatia, in Grant county, who uncovered the skeleton of an animal of prehistoric origin last fall, received from the National History society of Chicago a check for \$275 Friday. The skeleton was classified by naturalists as that of a gigantic beaver, long since extinct.

E. A. Luginbill intends to take a few weeks' trip to points in the south in about a week, which will be a well deserved vacation for him. Upon his return Mr. Luginbill will at once begin work for the Berne Grain & Hay Co. as bookkeeper and manager of the company's local elevator, taking the place of E. F. Lantz, who will resign his position and take an extended trip to the west.—Berne Witness.

Frank D. Beall, who left Fort Wayne over a year ago to take a clerical position in the employ of the Denver and Rio Grande at Salt Lake City, has just been appointed chief clerk to the superintendent of that road, quite a promotion from his former position. Mr. Beall was employed on the Nickel Plate a number of years, his last service there being in the capacity of chief clerk in the trainmaster's office.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Triplets, three fine, lusty sons, were born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Scheele, of 1302 Barthold street, and with the announcement comes the statement that the mother and her three sons are all doing well. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Scheele are showering congratulations upon them. The new arrivals make a total of six sons in the family, all of whom are under six years of age. The proud father is a bill clerk at the Pennsylvania depot office of the Adams Express company in this city.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

J. D. Winteregg, of Berne, returned to his home this afternoon after looking after business interests in the city.

A. VanCamp went to Monroe this afternoon to transact business with the Monroe Grain, Hay & Milling company.

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W. H. Fledderjohann and Charles Dirkson went to Berne this afternoon to transact business in the interest of the Fort Wayne & Springfield Railway company.

Glenny Mangold will entertain the girls of the G. L. C. Club Saturday afternoon at her home on First street. The guests will bring sewing along. Needlework will be in order for an hour, after which games will be played.

Backed by the brewing interests of the state, George Forrey, of Elkhart, who is the first saloon keeper to retire under the local option victory in Elkhart county Thursday will start a test case to determine the validity of the local option law. The law will be attacked on the theory that the form of ballot used is illegal, in that the heading "Shall the sale of intoxicating liquors be prohibited?" is not definite and that it does not specify where they shall be prohibited.—Bluffton Banner.

John Kule, a ditcher from Blue Creek township, and known here as the silent "boozier," made his usual trip to the Old Adams County Bank, where he demanded a large sum of money which he has imagined for several years he had there. He was put out and the police summoned who took him to jail. An insanity inquest will be held on him this evening by Squire Smith and Drs. D. D. Clark and J. M. Miller, and he will likely be taken to the East Haven hospital. He has been off for several years and recently became rather mean and it was thought best to lock him up.

The township assessors are about the busiest people going now days. They are working hard in order to get along to the point where they know they can complete it within the time allowed by law.

The condition of Henry Wishmeyer who was struck by an interurban car last Friday evening, remains practically unchanged. The physicians say he is holding his own and extend some hopes for his recovery.

# YOUR New Easter Outfit Is Ready



Do not delay purchasing your Easter Suit, Hat and Furnishings. Our spring stock is now complete and the sooner you make your purchase the better will be your selection. Men's stylish spring suits—materials and workmanship guaranteed

**\$8.50 to \$25.00**

## CHILDREN'S SUITS

We just received a shipment of Boys' and Children's Spring Suits—Knickerbocker or straight trousers prices

**\$1.00 to \$7.50**



## SHIRTS and NECKWEAR

Our new Easter styles in dress shirts and neckwear have all arrived. They are beauties and we want you to see them. We sell the greatest 50c and \$1 shirt on the market

## BOYS' CONFIRMATION SUITS

**\$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10.00 \$12.50 and \$15.00**

## Elzey & Vance

Corner East of Court House

Decatur, Indiana

Mrs. Lois Saunders returned to her home at Elwood after visiting her son Henry at Monroe.

Timothy Smith got his by the jury yesterday afternoon, he being convicted of the charge of selling liquor to minors and was sentenced to thirty days in jail and given a twenty dollar fine. This ends up the cases resulting from the raid on the J. B. Evans second hand store over a week ago.

Miss Florence Wendel, of Bluffton, returned to her home after a visit with friends at Bluffton.

Take a look at the advertisements in this issue. Decatur merchants are wide awake. They want your business. They ask you for it and they deserve it. Aside from these truths you have the assurance that you are getting the best goods for the least money, backed up by a guarantee right here at home.



**I**T'S a pleasure; a satisfaction; a profit both to you and to us to get you to wearing our

## HART SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES

We realize fully the importance of satisfying our customers; of pleasing them; we know, every time we sell one of these suits or overcoats, that we're giving a good profit to the man who buys it; that he's getting a style, a finish and an all-wool quality that he can't find in the same measure anywhere else.

## THESE CLOTHES PAY.

All styles of spring suits and overcoats; at prices that are right.

This store is the home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes.

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