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WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and warmer tonight; Friday
partly cloudy.

Miss Jean Lutz is spending the day
in Fort Wayne.

Ben Miller made a business trip to
Fort Wayne today.

Mrs. George Roop is visiting with
friends at Monroe for a day or so.

Mrs. J. A. Smith returned from
Anderson, where she visited with
friends.

Gus Schlegel is doing some work
at Preble, and will return home this
evening.

T. M. Reid left this morning on his
regular trip south and will be absent
for several days.

Mont Evans went to Geneva today,
where he will look after his regular
line of business.

Wm. Meyers went to Richmond to-
day to transact business and will re-
turn this evening.

Henry Koenemann went to Wil-
liams this morning to look after the
cattle market for a short time.

Mrs. C. R. Talmadge, of Roanoke,
passed through the city today enroute
to Ohio City for a visit with friends.

By subscription the Presbyterian
church at Winchester, Ind., raised \$11-
600 toward paying off a \$2,000 church
debt.

William Hackman of Fort Wayne,
attended funeral of Mrs. Anthony
Hackman. He returned home last
evening.

Mrs. Wm. B. Fletcher, of Waterloo,
who was horribly burned by a gaso-
line stove explosion September 13,
died Tuesday at that place.

Rev. J. H. Neuhouser, the new Lu-
theran minister at Auburn, was mar-
ried Tuesday at Cleveland to Miss
Grace L. Ordver, of the latter city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nidlinger enter-
tained a party of friends at their
home Tuesday evening instead of Mr.
and Mrs. C. D. Kunkle, as announced.

Chas. Springer, of California, who
has been visiting with F. B. Tague
and family, went to Lynn this morn-
ing for a short visit with his sister.

Ike Nelson, Joe Gase, Frank Rich-
ards returned to Berne this morning,
where they will resume work in the
P. W. Smith saw mill for the rest
of the week.

G. T. Burk went to Indianapolis
this morning, where he will be in at-
tendance at the grain dealers' con-
vention, which will be held there for
the next few days.

Worrying about the absence of her
husband, who is somewhere in Illinois
working, Mrs. Allie Justice attempted
suicide at Warsaw by taking laudan-
um. Her condition is serious now.

Miss Lucy Bentz is visiting friends
at Bluffton.

Miss Fannie Hite is spending the
afternoon in Fort Wayne.

Mike McGriff visited for a short
time with Lefe Ellis today.

Mrs. D. H. Hunsicker is in Fort
Wayne today visiting friends.

Newton Anderson made a business
trip to Fort Wayne this afternoon.

Miss Lizzie Kelley went to Bluff-
ton today for a visit with her sister.

Miss Ruth Crouse, of Berne, went
to Fort Wayne today to visit friends.

Today the children received their
school reports. Most of them have
done well.

Don't fail to notify this office if
you do not receive your paper every
evening on time.

Chas. Colter is attending to busi-
ness for the Smith and Bell Lumber
Co. south of the city.

R. K. Allison is looking after some
timber business at Kalamazoo, Mich.,
and will be home in a few days.

Mrs. Albert Lachnit, of Berne, is
in the city for a visit with her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith.

Miss Mae Bailey, of Spencerville,
O., passed through the city today en-
route to Fort Wayne for a short
visit.

Vince Bell, of Craigville, was in
the city today. While here he vis-
ited with his daughter, Mrs. George
Everett.

"The Hidden Hand" which played
here last evening, left today for
Avilla, where they will show this
evening.

Mrs. C. M. Chalmer and children,
of Berne, returned to their home this
morning after a visit with friends
at Berne.

R. E. Swank, of Elkhart, returned
to his home today after visiting with
his aunt, who has been sick, but is
now much better.

Lafe Ellis, John Peterson, Tom
Reid and D. M. Hensley returned
home from Rome City, where they
have been taking a few days' outing.

Mrs. E. A. Hoffman, who has been
visiting with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. C. Reynolds, for a few days,
returned to her home at Preble this
morning.

Mrs. Ella Hyland, of Wilmington,
Ohio, who has been visiting in the
city with friends for a few days, went
to Magley this morning to make a
short visit with relatives.

The funeral of the Keller baby,
which was held this morning, was
conducted by Fr. George at St. Mary's
church, and interment was made at
the St. Josephs cemetery.

Mrs. Kathryn Eady and grand-
daughter, Cecil Eady, will leave to-
morrow morning for Toledo, Ohio,
enroute to Lancaster and Basil, O.,
for a visit with Mrs. Eady's brother
and other relatives.

Andrew Appleman, who has been
quite sick for some time, and who
was operated on a few days ago, is
slightly better today, but hopes for
his recovery are slight. He was
quite low last evening, but this
morning seemed to have rallied.

Miss Minnie Orvis returned from
Fort Wayne accompanied by her
cousin, Mrs. Minnie Ewing Titus, of
Middletown, O., after a visit with
Mrs. Titus at Fort Wayne. Mrs. Titus
left last evening for Chicago, after
a pleasant visit with Dr. McMillan
and family in the city.

Miss Lankenau's room at the south
ward will observe American day on
Friday. Flags will decorate the
school room and speeches and ora-
tions by the pupils mark the day.
American day is a comparatively new
holiday, commemorating the discov-
ery of America. Various public in-
stitutions, banks, postoffices, etc.,
will close in most of the states on
that day.

Miss Lucy Blenkey, of Rome, Ind.,
returned to her home this noon.

Miss Pauline Shackley is spending
the day with friends in Fort Wayne.

Miss Jessie Phillips of Fort Wayne,
is spending the day in the city with
friends.

E. M. Ray returned to his home at
Monroe, after attending to business
in the city today.

Mrs. W. E. Wilson and son went to
Portland this morning for a short
visit with relatives.

Joe Miller the candy man from
Fort Wayne, was in the city today
drumming up trade.

Prof. Withouse returned to his
home at Berne after being here on
business for a day or so.

Miss Iva Steele, who has been the
guest of friends at Van Wert, re-
turned to her home today.

Martin Lord, of Monmouth, was
shopping in the city today, and re-
turned to the afternoon car.

John Colchin made a business trip
to Fort Wayne this morning and re-
turned to the city this afternoon.

Jess Lebrun went to Monroe to
look after business for a short time,
and will return home on the after-
noon train.

Rev. Jaus, of St. Johns church
north of the city, was in town on
business and returned home late in
the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Passwater
and daughter of Oklahoma, are in
the city visiting with Mr. and Mrs.
V. L. McGonagale.

Miss Bessie Boyers of this place,
has enrolled as a student at the
Woman's College, Jacksonville, Ill.
Her many friends here will wish her
success in her year's work.

John Gillig, who left yesterday for
New York city, where he will work,
stopped off and is spending the day
in Buffalo. He will probably leave
this evening for his destination.

One month of school has been com-
pleted, one ninth of the whole term.
Examinations were held throughout
the schools last week, except in high
school, where the examinations are
fewer.

A card from L. H. Boknecht writ-
ten at Chicago, says that he will
arrive at his destination two days
in advance of his calculations, and
that he is feeling fine and glad to
get located in his new home.

Fr. Heckman, of Kendle, Texas, is
in the city for a visit with his sister,
Mrs. Ed Harting on north Fifth
street. Fr. Heckman has been at
Kendle for some twenty years past,
and during that time has not visited
in Decatur, it being such a long
distance.

County Attorney Frank C. Dailey
was appointed this morning by Judge
Sturgis to defend Dr. J. B. Evans in
the criminal action brought by Evans'
wife, charging him with wife deser-
tion, and Mr. Dailey will conduct the
defense at the expense of Wells
county.—Bluffton News.

The Shamrocks of this city will
journey to Geneva Sunday to battle
with the city club of that place.
The Geneva club is one of the fast-
est teams the boys have went against
this season, and a good game is
expected. This will be the last game
of the season. Buffenbarger and
Smith will form the battery for the
Shamrocks.

Lennon B. Clore, the corn king of
the world, was in the city Tuesday
night, the guest of J. E. Merriman.
Mr. Clore was going to attend a corn
show in the northern part of the
state. He and Mr. Merriman served
together in the last legislature, Mr.
Clore being a representative from
Franklin and Johnson counties.—
Bluffton Banner.

The Huntington Herald says that a
number of the members of the Hun-
tington N. L. league team in that city
are still holding the sack for back
wages, and are beginning to feel ag-
grieved that settlement has not been
made. The boys argue that they
worked for a stipulated salary under
the National agreement and that there
should be some way for them to get
their money.

If you see L. E. Roush rushing
hither and thither this evening or to-
morrow do not think that he has lost
something. He is merely trying to
find something; something which he
has never possessed, but which he
would like very much to have, at the
same time being unable to find it.
In fact he is looking for a candidate
for mayor on the republican ticket.
—Bluffton Banner.

D. M. Hensley came home from
Rome City and has on exhibition at
his store a large tooth which was
dug out of the ground about a month
or so ago, while digging a trench at
that place. The tooth is from an an-
imal called the mastodon and is
much larger than an elephant and
weighs five and three quarter pounds.
He secured it while he was at Rome
City a day or so ago, and will have it
at his place of business for a short
time.

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Black Silk Stove Polish is so much better than other stove polishes
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iron—becomes a part of the stove. It makes old stoves look like new and lasts
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everyone in the place your wonderful polish. I had no idea there could be such a difference
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"I tried the sample box of Black Silk Stove Polish and like it so well that I want to
black all the other stoves in the house. Enclosed find 50 cents. Send polish for that
amount by return mail. Our hardware merchant does not keep it."
"I was visiting friends in Chicago and they used Black Silk Stove Polish on their stoves.
It made the best shine I ever saw, and after blacking the polish did not rub or dust off. It is
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