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No matter what the other fellows advertise. Bring us their 'ad—we will duplicate the same goods for less money. We have more stock in true value than any two jewelers in Decatur. "It matters not who you be" Come. Give us a chance. We ask a share of your business. We give bankable reference as to honesty and square dealing. The man who knows his business, the Jeweler north of the court house

# DIDOT & SON.

North Side of Court House.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Fair, continued cold tonight; Friday not so cold.

Mrs. E. A. Hoffman went to Fort Wayne, where she spent a few days with friends.

Fred Hoffman, who was at Lynn for several days past, returned to the city this morning.

Fred Frutche, who was campaigning at Berne yesterday, returned home this morning.

Frank Gass of the Fullenkamp store, who has been sick this week with tonsillitis, is recovering. Monday and Tuesday he was bedfast.

Henry McLean made a trip north on the interurban this morning.

B. A. Fledderjohann of New Bremen, Ohio, is in the city today on business.

Clarence Porter and sister, Miss Edith Porter, are spending the day in Fort Wayne.

Kurt Fritzinger of Monmouth was in Decatur this morning looking after business matters.

J. E. Moser, who for the past few days has been in Chicago, purchasing holiday goods, returned home last evening.

Ulysses Drummond of Pleasant Mills who was in the city this morning attending to business, left for his home on the noon train.

A farmer had thirty sheep and killed them all in seven days, each day killing an odd number. How many did he kill each day?

J. S. Bowers, Pres. F. M. Schirmeyer, Vice Pres.

The Bowers Realty Company begs to call your attention to the fact of its having 5 per cent money to loan an approved security on most favorable terms, and tenders its services in negotiating new loans or renewals of old loans or assisting in finding and placing in one loan scattered indebtedness for a borrower. In most instances it is better to owe in one place at a low rate of interest than to have a scattered indebtedness.

This company would be pleased to have any one to whom this may be of interest call and discuss the matter.

Respectfully

The Bowers Realty Co.

French Quinn, Secty.

Beginning Sunday the St. Mary's Catholic church will observe forty hours' devotion.

Charles Ross left this morning for Wolcottville, where he will look after some business for a few days.

Ed Vancil made a business trip south this morning, stopping off at several places along the line.

L. N. Grandstaff, who attended to business here this morning, returned to Monmouth on the 11 o'clock car.

John Koenig of St. Marys, Ohio, was a business visitor here today on matters relating to the interurban company.

Professor Withouse of Berne arrived in the city this morning and was busy during the day, giving his musical instructions.

Mrs. Joseph Auracher, who has been a guest at the F. V. Mills home for several days, returned today to her home at Shenandoah, Iowa.

Don't fail to attend the show at the opera house this evening. Mr. Owen in "As You Like It" is one of the best that ever struck Decatur.

Lewis Lammers of New Bremen, Ohio, is in the city today on business relating to the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway.

The play which will play here this evening arrived from Ligonier, where they showed last evening. Mr. Owen's "As You Like It" is one of the best on the road and you should not fail to attend.

Dorsey Garard, who a week or two ago, caught his right hand in a press, nearly severing two fingers, still wearing his hand in a sling, but states that the injuries are gradually getting better.

The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway company was held today in the assembly room at the interurban building, a large attendance being present.

Fred Reppert went to Geneva this morning where he conducted a sale during the day. From there he will leave for West Liberty, Iowa, where he has a large cattle sale billed for tomorrow.

The county spelling bee to be held at Berne February 19th, and in which the best spellers of the graded schools of the county will participate, is inciting the interest of pupils in this branch of school work, and all are eager to be participants.

The member of the Epworth League of the Methodist church are selling tickets for their musical and literary entertainment to be given at Bosse's opera house next Tuesday evening, December 14th, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the league. A large attendance is desired.

Owing to the fact that Fred Baumgartner and family, a brother of Jacob Baumgartner, who died at his home in Vera Cruz Sunday, will be unable to arrive from his home in Berne, Kan., in time for the funeral services to be held at Vera Cruz today, they have been postponed, and will not take place until the relatives arrive.—Bluffton Banner.

## DR. MATHEN DEAD AT AUBURN.

A telephone message from Auburn, Indiana, says that Dr. J. C. Matchen died at that place at 4:20 last evening after a long illness from asthma. He was eighty-two years old and it is said was a resident of this county during the war, leaving in 1872 for California where he lived for many years. He was appointed to the office of provost marshal under Governor Morton. However, the old residents here say they do not remember Mr. Matchen, and it is believed by them that the statement that he formerly lived here is an error.

Chauncey Lautzenheiser, of Berne, was among the business visitors here today.

Word was received by the friends of Tom Haefling here that he would be here to spend Christmas with his friends.

George Schieferstein attended to business in this city yesterday afternoon and returned to Monmouth on the 4 o'clock car.

Fred C. Ladelle left for Newark, N. J., where he will make a visit with his father, whom he has not seen for the past eight years.

Mrs. Anna Piegold of Midland, Mich., who has been visiting in the city for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Braet, returned to her home yesterday.

B. F. Breiner, who lives on the Eli Crist farm south of the city, today sold eleven hogs from which he realized the sum of \$220.25, or a little more than twenty dollars each.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Kilton have returned from their wedding trip and have taken up their residence in their home on Walnut street, which they had already prepared for them.

E. M. Crawford of Bluffton, district superintendent for the Prudential Insurance company, and Otto Wemhoff, local agent for the company, left on the 1 o'clock car for a business trip in the north part of the county.

Charles Mumma of Root township, who is chairman of the farmers' institute, will go to Berne next Saturday to meet with others there to make arrangements for the next session of the institute, which will be held January 28, 1910.

John Kirkwood had \$23 worth of sheep killed by dogs a few nights ago and one of the Lockwoods lost \$45 worth the same night. The dogs escaped. Dogs have been unusually severe this fall. Trustee Linn, of this township, has suffered heaviest and reports he is \$400 behind on his dog fund.—Bluffton News.

Peter Gaffer went to Fort Wayne yesterday to accompany his aged mother, Mrs. Mary Gaffer, to this city, where she will spend the winter with her son. Mrs. Gaffer, who is ninety years of age, is not in the best of health, and owing to the illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Michael with whom she has been making her home, it was thought best to bring her to this city. Mrs. Michael Gaffer, who is well known here, where she formerly lived, is said to be suffering from tuberculosis, and is in a very serious condition.

# A Man's Christmas

YOU MAY HUNT FROM NOW UNTIL "DOOMS DAY," BUT YOU WON'T FIND A PLACE WHERE THERE ARE SO MANY APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR MEN & BOYS



Buy the Men's and Boy's PRESENTS at the men's and boy's store. We know what's right and correct and we know what they like.

## Our Whole Store

is a veritable Christmas tree of gifts. Beautiful ties, Faultless shirts, Comfortable underwear, Guaranteed half hose, Elegant handkerchiefs, Handsome umbrellas, Silk suspenders, Smoking jackets, bath robes, and mufflers, cuff buttons with pin to match, Hose, Handkerchief and necktie to match.

## If you appoint us

as your "official stocking filler" we guarantee the men and boys to be well pleased this Christmas.

# ELZEY VANCE & HITE

Corner East of Court House.

Decatur, Indiana.

Quite a number of young folks are enjoying the first skating of the season and are more than pleased that the season is here.

Complaint from Craigville of two well known young fellows of that vicinity who have been causing a great deal of annoyance by getting drunk and while in that condition insulting and threatening respectable citizens. Several of the older residents of the town have been the subjects of vile attacks. The two brothers who cause the trouble work away from home and get booze in some manner while absent from Craigville. Unless they cease causing trouble arrests are threatened.—Bluffton News.

David Werling of Preble, ex-commissioner of Adams county, was in the city this morning on business.

E. N. Crawford of Bluffton was in the city today looking after some insurance matters.

## THE CRYSTAL

TONIGHT  
From 7 to 10:30

FILMS: 1 Joan of Arc. 2 Andonis is Robbed. 3 Patent from Pinkville  
SONGS: 1 Somewhere There's Someone 2 My Western Star

# Knowing That This Christmas Problem

is difficult for many people, we are now offering a few suggestions for gift buying, for men and boys when they are to be so remembered.

Overcoats . . . . .	\$5.00 to \$25.00
Suits . . . . .	\$6.00 to \$25.00
Boys' Suits . . . . .	\$1.50 to \$7.50
Boys' Overcoats . . . . .	\$2.00 to \$10.00
Sweater Coats . . . . .	50c to \$5.00
Dress shirts . . . . .	50c to \$1.50
Ties . . . . .	25c to \$1.00
Hats . . . . .	\$1.00 to \$4.00
Caps . . . . .	25c to \$4.50
Stick Pins . . . . .	25c to \$1.00
Cuff Buttons . . . . .	25c to \$1.00
Mufflers . . . . .	50c to \$1.00
Outing Gowns . . . . .	50c to \$1.00
Suit Cases . . . . .	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Umbrellas . . . . .	50c to \$7.50
Handkerchiefs . . . . .	5c to 50c
Underwear . . . . .	90c to \$4

Suspenders in Christmas Boxes . . . . .	75c to \$1
Kid and Moca Gloves . . . . .	\$1 to \$1.50
Phoenix Mufflers . . . . .	25c to 50c
Traveling Bags . . . . .	\$3.50 to \$10
Trunks . . . . .	\$3.50 to \$9.50
Initial Handkerchiefs . . . . .	10c, 3 for 25c
Pillow Handkerchiefs . . . . .	10c, 3 for 25c
Belts . . . . .	25c to \$1.50
Combination sets containing Tie, Hose and Handkerchief to match . . . . .	\$1 to \$1.50
Jersey Sweaters . . . . .	\$2.50 to \$3.50
Stock Ties . . . . .	50c
Boys' stockings—the best in town for the price . . . . .	15c or 2 pairs for 25c
Wool Shirts . . . . .	\$1 to \$2
Fur Gloves . . . . .	\$1 to \$3.50
Ear Muffs . . . . .	10c
Fancy Vests . . . . .	75c to \$4.50

Any of the above will make useful Christmas Presents. Come in and make your selections. If you wish, we will lay them away for you.

# TEEPLE, BRANDYBERRY and PETERSON.

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