

**Bigger Crowd Every Day**  
At our sale. Better tomorrow. Lots of goods for you.

Mens Shoes from \$1.19 up  
Womens shoes from 98c up  
Babys shoes from 8c up  
Artis from 75c up  
Mens Leggings 43c

Plenty of clerks to wait on you this

**Charlie Voglewede**  
**THE SHOE SELLER**

## WEATHER PRECAST

Snow flurries this afternoon and tonight; Wednesday in north, and unsettled in south.

My Volmer is a Toledo visiting with his sister, Mrs. Josephine Rodd.

The mitten factor which has been closed for the holidays, resumed work this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Andrews were the guests of friend Van Wert, O., over the New Year.

Gus Schlagel, who has been working at Delphos for some time, is in the city looking up friends.

Dan Beery was ending to business affairs in the north part of the county today, returning home this afternoon.

Miss Emma Schell of Monroe, who was visiting with friends at Van Wert, Ohio, transferred this morning on her way home.

Mrs. Charles Pitt and children, Rosa, Mary, and Clotte, of Piqua, Ohio, who spent the holidays here with her mother, Mary Wemhoff, left today for their home.

The Daily Democrat has the agency for the Robert Chapman line of calendars, best in the city, including all new subjects, sold exclusively, and you should see the samples before placing your order, card or telephone call will bring them to you.

**Wish You All A  
Happy And Prosperous  
NEW YEAR**

We hope 1912 will bring you health, prosperity and contentment. We wish to thank the people of Decatur and vicinity who have patronized us so liberally during the past year. We believe it has been mutually profitable to both us and you. In 1912 we hope to have the privilege of making you feel glad, and yourself happy, by fitting you with the right shoes for comfort, style, wear and economy.

**WINES SHOE STORE**

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

The Bowers Realty Company has some excellent bargain property and Adams county farms. The company would be pleased to have you call at it and see its offerings. The company has plenty of five per cent money to loan on reasonable terms. Let the Schirmeyer Abstract Company prepare your abstract of title. Twenty years experience complete records.

The Bowers Realty Co.  
French Quinn, Secy.

County Superintendent Opliger left this morning for Geneva, where business awaited his attention.

Gay, Zwick & Myers this afternoon delivered a large load of furniture to a customer living in Willshire.

Frances and Otto Miller, who have been visiting with their brother, Tony, at Fort Wayne, returned home last evening.

Miss Frances Burrell returned to her home in Rochester yesterday after a few days' visit here with her grandparents.

Charles Yobst, the plumber, of Fort Wayne, a former resident of this city, was here yesterday afternoon between trains, calling on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Hogston returned to their home in Fort Wayne after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Strickler and other relatives here.

D. M. Niblick and children, Mildred and Harold, who have been making a several days' visit with the John Elting family, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Steele and daughter, Jeanette, will leave in the morning for Fort Wayne to be the guests of Mrs. Sadie Cowley for several days.

The Orient club, which was to have held its meeting on Wednesday of this week with Mrs. C. D. Lewton, has postponed the meeting until Wednesday of next week.

The laundry is busily engaged in moving its machinery from the building on Second street, so long occupied by it, to the new home erected for it on Jefferson street.

A ugly girl allus takes a swell phor morning to resume his work. You can't jist keep a good man down! Smith, who met with an accident some how he's allus defeated in office.—Abe Martin.

Walter Kaufman, who spent the holidays here with his family, left today, south, to be absent for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. Hugh Miller and children, who have been making a visit here with her mother, Mrs. H. Winnes, left this afternoon for their home.

Miss Bessie Boyers left today for Champaign, Ill., to resume her course of studies after being the guest of her parents for several weeks past.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pifer of South Ben, who have been visiting with the Rev. W. J. Myers and family, since last Thursday, returned to their home yesterday.

Miss Frances Goodwin, a teacher at Mulberry, Ind., returned this morning to her home after a visit over the holidays here with her father, the Rev. E. A. Goodwin.

The Holthouse store was closed this morning in respect for the late John W. Linn, whose funeral was held this morning, and who was the father of Miss Kleinhenz, one of the junior pianists.

Miss Helen N. left yesterday afternoon for Lehi, Ohio, for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. O. P. Edwards. From there she will proceed to South Hadley, Mass., where she is a student at the Mount Holyoke college.

Postmaster Lowers' letters remaining uncalled for the Decatur postoffice for Mrs. T. L. Luman, W. J. Reed, D. E. Robinson, Ella Hill, John Meek, Sam Doolittle, B. Bradway, Mrs. Charles Baker, a Walker.

A new bus, similar to the stage coach style of years ago, now being used by the Fashion stable, owing to the mishap which they experienced with the large day bus one day ago last Saturday night at the E. crossing.

Mrs. Tom Haefling, who has been here for some weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vogeweide, will leave Wednesday for her home. She will be accompanied by Mr. Haefling, who goes there to look after some business.

One of the pleasant watch parties which has come to our notice was that at the A. R. Bell home Sunday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Beten by a dog, which was fighting with entertained a few of their friends, and another, inflicting a deep gash in his whilled the evening away in social and, and also in his leg. He came chatting until the outgoing of the old town and had a physician treat the wound. The accident happened at the line of his mother, Mrs. John E. Teeple.

The early interurban car which, since the recent change, has been running at 5:30 a. m., will, commencing with Wednesday of this week, be dropped back to the regular schedule hour, 5:50 a. m., it being believed that it will be more satisfactory all around, as the former time is somewhat too early for much passenger traffic, and the car can get into Fort Wayne at almost the same time.

With the extremely high price to which raw furs have soared in the past few weeks the men who yearly make a business of trapping along the St. Mary's river will reap a harvest. Each winter several citizens who are employed through the summer make their living during the winter by trapping. Along the St. Mary's river, about five miles each way from the city, the men wend their way, setting traps, which they visit each day. A muskrat brings from fifty cents to a dollar and mink is very high.

## HERE'S A PRESENT FOR EVERY MAN AND BOY IN THE COUNTY

Right now you will have the advantage of the lowest prices we have ever quoted on fine clothes. You cannot think of a better purchase than one of our H. S. & M. or Clothcraft suits or overcoats. This month we are going to move the goods faster than ever, get them out of the way of spring clothes coming in soon.

## HERE'S A LIST OF PRICES

Mens and young mens fancy suits in Cheviots and Worsteds, colors, brown, blue-gray, gray and tan, two and three button models, a beautiful line to select from at a great saving to you—

\$20.00 suits now \$16.00	\$15.00 suits now \$12.00
\$18.00 suits now \$14.40	\$12.50 suits now \$10.00
\$16.00 suits now \$12.80	\$10.00 suits now \$8.00

Mens and young mens Fancy Overcoats in brown and grays, all this seasons styles, sizes 33 to 40.

\$20.00 O'coats now \$16.00	\$15.00 O'coats now \$12.00
\$18.00 O'coats now \$14.40	\$12.50 O'coats now \$10.00
\$16.00 O'coats now \$12.80	\$10.00 O'coats now \$8.00

Liberal reductions in every dept. of our store. Come and get into some of these clothes at sale prices. We'll interest you if you give us a chance.

**Sale Prices Strictly Cash--No Goods Charged at Sale Prices**

## HOLTHOUSE-SCHULTE & COMPANY

Good Clothes Sellers For Men And Boys

The Philathea Bible class will hold a meeting tonight at the home of the Rev. Hunter Myers, commencing at 7:20.

The Star of Bethlehem will meet Friday evening at the rooms of the Yeomen lodge. All members are urged to be in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Strickler of South Mercer avenue entertained at Sunday dinner Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Shoaf and son, Roy, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Hogston.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Patterson entertained the Sewing club and husbands Monday evening at 6 o'clock, the outside guests being Mr. and Mrs. Dugan and Mr. and Mrs. Schirmeyer. A most pleasant time was enjoyed.

A pleasant New Year's dinner was that given Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Linn, when they entertained the Linn families at 12 o'clock dinner. A delicious dinner was in evidence and the social pleasure for the while spent at the Linn home was highly entertaining.

Miss Marie Allison was hostess to a number of friends Saturday evening, Miss Frances Dugan, who but recently returned from Vassar college, being the guest of honor. The hours were most pleasantly spent in a social way, after which a most tempting lunch was served by Miss Marie.

The Dugan home Saturday afternoon was the scene of much cheer, Miss Frances Dugan entertaining the Tri-Kappa girls, at which time Miss Marie Allison was initiated into the ranks of the organization. A delicious two-course supper was served by the hostess, and afterward the guests enjoyed themselves in various ways.

A family reunion was held at the Charles Myers home in the north part of the city Monday, at which a big New Year's feast was had. Those present from the city were Mr. Robert Patterson, Charles Myers and family, French Quinn and family. The out-of-town guests were George Morris and family of Bluffton, Fred Bell and wife of Hillsdale, Mich.; N. K. Todd and family of Bluffton. Mrs. Bell will continue to visit in the city a few days, awaiting the return of her husband, who is in Bluffton on business a few days.

### BIT BY DOG.

William H. Teeple, a brother of Mayor Judson Teeple, while in attendance at a reunion at his mother's home in St. Mary's township Monday, was bitten by a dog, which was fighting with another, inflicting a deep gash in his leg. He came to town and had a physician treat the wound. The accident happened at the line of his mother, Mrs. John E. Teeple.

### WON'T SAY ANYTHING.

(United Press Service.)  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—(Special to Da.)—Political friends of the resident refused to discuss in any way this afternoon that the Secretary to President Taft, Hillis, is en route to New York as the representative of the president to force former President Roosevelt into the open in the contest for the 1912 republican presidential nomination. It is reported that Mr. Hillis will tell Mr. Roosevelt that Taft will not fight for the nomination, but withdraw if the former president wants the nomination.

LOST—Opal rosary, with gold chain. Finder return to this office. 213  
Yager Bros. & Runking Saturday delivered a fine Packard piano to the conservatory of music.

## PETTICOAT SALE ON HENREITTA SMOOTHBACK PETTI- COATS



We have taken the agency for this well known brand of petticoats and have a nice stock to select from all the way from \$1.00 to \$5.00 each it will pay any one to see these petticoats before they buy, our price is as low if not lower than others ask for the common kind.

Smoothback adjustment easy and perfect fit like a glove over back and hips. In fact we guarantee them to fit.

Be sure and see them before you buy and get the best for the money.

## Steele & Weaver

William Harting and son, Andrew, where they will remain a month or longer, looking over the land prospects there with intentions of investing. They took advantage of the home seekers' excursion which was run over the Wabash today.

## OUR JANUARY SALE

Will Start Saturday January 6th. and will close January 20th. at which time we will begin our Inventory. Watch Thursdays paper for our ad. Remember the date and watch for quotations at

## TRUE & RUNYON