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—of fall shoes for young men has livened up business this week. Young men have come to regard this store as headquarters for their shoes regardless of whether they want to pay \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 or \$5.00. At either price we are giving some wonderful values. See some of them in our window.

CHARLIE VOGLEWEDE.

AT THE SIGN OF THE BIG SHOE

WEATHER FORECAST

Local showers tonight, Saturday cloudy.

Fast men, slow pay.
Circus day is only three days off.
A good many people are decent only when their mouths are shut.
Miss Frances Deininger went to Fort Wayne today for a visit.
Some men arrange to celebrate somebody's birthday with a keg every week.

Men do comparatively little tating, although they waste time in several other ways.
Sometimes it is said she is unconventional, when she is a good deal worse than that.

John Bolinger is a Winchester where he is working on the construction of the new I. O. O. F. hall.

The Ladies Civic Improvement society have donated to the St. Joseph school a two-seated lawn swing. The children are certainly enjoying it.

Net night gowns are coming into style for the women folks, and sooner or later similar fabric will be worn on the main streets of all thriving communities.

Mrs. Pete Chase and children returned to Eaton yesterday after a visit here with her sisters, Mrs. H. E. Butler, Mrs. James Hurst, and her brothers, Amos and Jonas Fisher.

Shop talk: While he is often threatened with bombs, guns and torpedoes, still the police court reporter of this great moral guide voluntarily admits that the society reporters have more troubles than he does.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christener and babe went to Fort Wayne this morning.

Mrs. Amos Fisher spent the day with Mrs. Charles Nygler north of the city.

Mrs. James Laisure of near Monroe changed cars here enroute to Fort Wayne.

Amelia Bulmahn and Ida Reiter of St. Johns were shoppers here this morning.

George Steele went to Fort Wayne this morning to call on his wife who was operated upon at the St. Joseph hospital.

Mrs. Belle Johnson has returned from a month's visit at Warsaw, Silver Lake, Atwood and Columbia City with relatives.

A city man receives a dun and accepts it as a matter of course. A country town man receives a dun and accepts it as a direct insult and a matter of cursing.

Late Bud went to see the "Maids in America" just to take his wife. Next to an Artie summer there isn't nothing as short-lived as the popularity of an imitator.—Abe Martin.

Walton Johnson who came home from the hospital at Fort Wayne, where he was operated upon for appendicitis, is recovering rapidly and is able to walk out.

Among Indians to whom pensions of \$12 a month were allowed yesterday, according to a Washington dispatch, is Mrs. Louisa Brock, of this city, widow of John Brock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowers and children Theo and Leo, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Yarger and children, Harold and Floyd attended the Van Wert fair Thursday all enjoyed the day.

John Potter of the Hotel Murray attended the fair at Van Wert yesterday.

Ellis Christen will leave Monday for Lafayette, where he will enter Purdue university.

Mrs. L. D. Jacobs spent yesterday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Christener near Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. William Myers motored to Van Wert yesterday where they attended the county fair.

County Recorder-elect Augsburg of Berne was in the city today, looking after business affairs.

Roger Scherer and Vale Smith are visiting with their uncle, Oliver Miller, and family at Monroe.

Gosh but those flies can bite this year and they are ably assisted by a gang of flees and mosquitos.

A number of things were taught at the old swimmin' hole which aren't included in the Boy Scout's manual.

Miss Frieda Buitemeier of north-west of the city was a shopper here today, returning home on the 11:30 car.

Aaron C. Augsburg of Berne, who will be the next Adams county recorder, was in town today on business.

Auditor Thomas Baltzell has returned from a visit to the state fair at Indianapolis and reports it a great show.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Yarger and children, Harold and Floyd, attended the funeral Monday of their aunt, Mrs. Ezra Judd of Tocsin.

Word from the Hope hospital, Fort Wayne at noon today is that Miss Irene Myers rested better today than at any time since her illness.

County Assessor Billy Frazier attended the Van Wert fair yesterday and declares it better than ever and the crowd beyond estimating.

Mrs. William Shoaf, who visited with her father at Oak Harbor, Ohio, has returned home. Her son, Charles, joined here there and accompanied her home.

Mrs. C. V. Connell has returned from Indianapolis, where she accompanied her daughter, Miss Marie, who entered Miss Blaker's kindergarten school on a second term.

Miss Jessie Holthouse will leave in the morning for Notre Dame, Ind., where she will enter school for a fourth year's course. Miss Jessie graduated from the St. Joseph's school last June. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holthouse.

The people of Wells county pay a small tax to make up the premiums on agricultural products and live stock at the Bluffton street fair. This plan does not allow an entrance or pen fee to be charged, making it entirely free for the exhibitors. The fair will be held September 21 to 25.

Friends here in the city have received cards announcing the birth of a fine baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boitet of Fort Wayne. The babe arrived Wednesday evening at the St. Joseph hospital. Mrs. Boitet was formerly Miss Anna Fahrenbach of this city.

Henry Kruckenberg of Union township, brought in three sample apples of the 16 ounce variety that weighed three pounds and two ounces. They have them as big as eighteen ounces, perfect eating and cooking apples. The supply was extra big this year but they have but a few bushels left at this time. Better order at once.

Fred and Arthur Bollman and their sister, Mrs. Price, formerly of this city and Marion, were here today spending a few hours with old-time friends. Fred is now attending the Northwestern university, while Arthur is in business out west. They came from Marion, where they attended the funeral of their mother, which was held Tuesday. While the family lived here Mr. Bollman was county recorder.

Arthur and Fred Bollman and Mrs. Boyd Price, the latter formerly Miss Jennie Bollman, were here today looking up old friends. Mrs. Price lives at Crown Point, Indiana; Arthur is a representative of a paint house with headquarters at Kansas City, and Fred is with a chautauqua and lyceum out of Chicago. Fred is a baritone singer of considerable note and is working his own way through Northwestern. They attended the funeral of their mother at Marion Tuesday.

Will Hammell, Adams county clerk-elect, has started to learn the many ropes and other red tape that comes up in that important office, and you will now find him at work on the books. County Clerk Beeke and Deputy L. L. Baumgartner are giving him all the aid he needs and it is without doubt that by the first of the year when he assumes office he will thoroughly understand the many duties of the office. John T. Kelly will be Mr. Hammell's deputy. Miss Kate Hammell will also assist back of the counter. The trio will be a good one. Velman Lenhart, Charles Bauman and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hart motored to Van Wert, Ohio, yesterday to attend the fair.

WITH THE COMING OF DAWN

Is Not as Beautiful in the City as in the Country, But It Brings Another Day.

Dawn comes softly and pleasantly over the country fields, and if it loses something of its charm through familiarity, it is most friendly and perhaps most appreciated there. In the hills the dawn comes gayly, stopping behind each peak to make itself more beautiful, scattering color everywhere and playing with its own reflection in the deep waters of the lakes.

In the city streets the dawn comes swiftly and bravely—perhaps because the night is ugly there and so determined to stay. Dawn in the city streets is not so pleasant as dawn in the country fields, and it is not so young as dawn in the hills. It is finer and stronger. It is awesome, but it is reassuring, too.

Perhaps it is only the uninitiated who feel the terror and the fascination of the city streets at night. Perhaps the initiated know that the fascination is not true and the terror not real. Perhaps they are more fascinated and more afraid than anybody. The uninitiated do not understand.

They wonder why there are so many people in the streets; why that old man stands alone on the corner; where that woman and the two children are going; where all the automobiles come from; why, with so many people and machines in the street, it is all so strangely silent?

It is the hour before dawn, and everywhere the earth lies quiet. The night street is silent as though ashamed before the day. The young men loafing on the corner hush their profane quarrels, and the two women on the curb speak in whispers. The uninitiated wonder about those women—one slight and dark and well dressed, sitting on a pile of newspapers; the other large and blonde, with bare head and coat thrown about her shoulders, sitting on the curb below.

It is no longer dark. Neither is it light. The night still hides between the high, empty buildings. A pigeon croons wistfully above the street, its voice rising to a fuller note as it feels the breath of the dawn. Strangely enough other bird voices break the silence. The weary men and women on the sidewalks are stirred by the same songs of welcome that are sung in the fields and the hills. The birds are always ready for the dawn. And it comes swiftly and bravely into the city streets.

The first rays reach the tallest buildings and the night scurries up the alleys and down into basements. The owl crows its one eye sleepily and rattles away. It is not a beautiful dawn. The faint flush on the patches of the sky is all that is left of the color it threw away in the hills. It looks upon too many ugly things to be gay. Perhaps it brings too much work and worry with it to be pleasant. Nevertheless it makes the birds sing and it brings another day.—Indianapolis News.

Famous Leader in Turkey.

If it is true that the defense of the Dardanelles has been entrusted to Admiral von Usedom, Germany is employing one of its best-known naval officers in this capacity, says the London Globe. Usedom Pasha, as he now calls himself, was captain of the cruiser Hertha in 1900, when he commanded the German detachment which marched to Peking under the leadership of Admiral Sir Edward Seymour.

His services in China evidently recommended themselves to his imperial master, for on his return from the east he was given the command of the kaiser's yacht. Later he became superintendent of the Kiel dockyards, and afterward joined the personal suite of the kaiser.

The Power of a Post.

Signor d'Annunzio, Italy's poet-ideal and political leader, comes nearest of all men to justify the dictum of Fletcher of Saltoun, regarding the power of the post as a lawmaker. For d'Annunzio has "sung" Italy into war by his own ballads. In order that Fletcher may not suffer from the usual misquotation, his actual words may be here set down. They are taken from an "Imaginary Conversation": "I knew," he says, "a very wise man so much of Sir Christopher's sentiment that he believed if a man were permitted to make all the ballads he need not care who should make the laws of a nation."—London Chronicle.

Sleep on a Hot Night.

"How to secure a good night's sleep in hot weather is often a most trying problem, especially to the sick. Here is a method that I find successful. I pour cold water into a hot water bottle until about half full, screw top partly on, then with one hand squeeze upper part of bottle until all air has been forced out. Then I tighten the top, and a soft, pliable pillow is the result. I wrap this in a towel, or slip it inside the pillow case, and lay my head so that the bottle is at the back of my neck. In a few moments I am cool and comfortable and sleep quickly follows. Just try it some night."—Woman's Home Companion.

Only Universal Standard.

In an address delivered before the University club, Washington, D. C., C. Francis Jenkins stated: "The motion-picture ribbon is the only unit that is standard in every country. Railway gauges, for example, vary in different countries; units of value, volume, weight and of length differ, but the motion-picture film is the same world over."

HISTORY MADE BY THE INDIAN

Real Life Story of the Red Man Has Not Been Properly Set Forth by White Writers.

It has been pointed out more than once that if one could but "get at the facts" of the history of the Indian tribes it would be of interest to compare these with what is related as the fortune of most civilized nations. It is only in tradition that the history of the Indian lives, and only one version of the story is ever heard. Sometimes this is so true to nature that no room for doubt can be found. Such is the following chapter from the annals of the Beavers, a Canadian tribe:

One day a young chief shot his arrow through a dog belonging to another brave. The brave revenged the death of his dog, and instantly a hundred bows were drawn. Before night had fallen some eighty lay dead around the camp, the pine woods rang with the lamentations of the women; the tribe had lost its bravest men.

There was a temporary truce. The friends of the chief whose arrow had killed the dog yet numbered some sixty people, and it was agreed that they should separate from the tribe and seek their fortune in the vast wilderness lying to the south.

In the night they began their march. Suddenly their brethren saw them depart, never to return. They went their way to the shores of the Lesser Slave lake, toward the great plains which were said to be far southward, by the banks of the swift-rolling Saskatchewan.

The tribe of the Beavers never saw this exiled band again, but a hundred years later a Beaver Indian, who followed the fortunes of a white fur hunter, found himself in one of the forts of the Saskatchewan. Strange Indians were camped about the palisades; they were members of the great Blackfoot tribe, whose hunting grounds lay south of the Saskatchewan. Among them were a few braves who, when they conversed, spoke a language different from that of the others, and in this language the Beaver Indian recognized his own tongue.

Swiss Army Always Ready.

Endurance tests show that in time of war the Swiss soldiers can "command" the highest Alpine passes and the most difficult mountains with light artillery. The infantry, the field artillery and cavalry are recruited by the cantons, but the engineers, guides, sanitary and administrative troops, as well as the army train, are enrolled by the confederation. The cantons furnish the uniforms and equipments, for which they are, however, reimbursed by the federal government, and the latter supplies the arms directly. A yearly inspection of armament and equipment at which every soldier without exception, has to appear, prevents any neglect in that line, as every man keeps his uniform and rifle at home, and when the mobilization order goes forth, the whole army is ready for action within a few hours. A regular salary is paid only to the instructors, the general staff and a few other officials. The officers receive pay only during the brief period they are called upon for training. The common soldier, when on duty, has his traveling and living expenses paid and receives besides that a daily compensation of 80 centimes, or 16 cents.

Life-Saving Rifle.

A rifle that shoots over the parapet while the user sits in comparative safety in the trench without necessity for exposing himself to the fire of the enemy is a late invention brought out by a well-known sportsman and big-game hunter of England. The feature of this invention is that the rifle is held vertically while the projectile is fired horizontally. This is accomplished by a curved deflecting tube, fixed to the muzzle of the gun, that changes the course of the projectile from the vertical to the horizontal as it leaves the gun.

In spite of the enormous friction that must accompany this change of direction the tube, as shown by actual tests, is not subject to excessive wear, while the effective range of a rifle equipped with this device is between 100 and 150 yards. The rifle is aimed by means of a periscope consisting of two mirrors, one fixed to the upper end and the other to the lower end of a tube that is mounted on the rifle barrel.

War's Alarums.

The grand duke paced restlessly up and down the hall of his palace. "The Germans must not get to Riga!" he cried over and over again. "The Germans must not get to Riga! They must not. In no circumstances must they. It would be my ruin. I'd never be able to survive it!"

"But why not?" murmured a discreet secretary, seeking to calm the great man's agitation. "Why so? Here we are safe in Petrograd, quite out of range of the biggest German guns."

"Suppose we are," retorted the grand duke peevishly. "Suppose we are. What's the use? Two ancient aunts of mine live in Riga. And if the Germans get Riga, those two old persons will surely come and camp on me here."

Tommie's Idea.

"Among the prizes awarded at Yarmouth elementary school, England," said the mother, "was one for the boy who had the cleanest shoes and hands and the tideliest hair during the year."

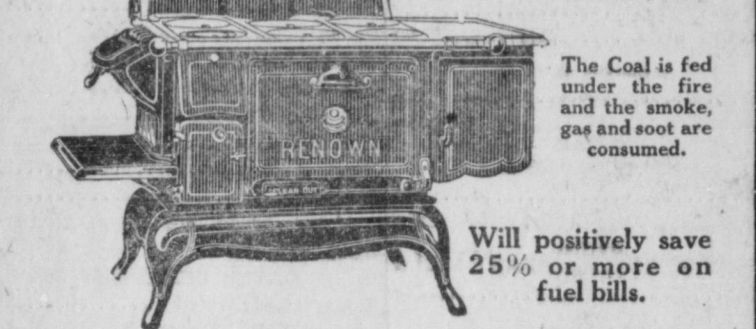
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PUBLIC SALE

The under signed will offer at public sale 3 miles east of Eaglesville or 1 mile south of Tocsin and 5 miles west of Peterson, on Tuesday, September 14, 1915, the following described property to-wit:

HORSES, 5 Head—1 roan mare, 10 years old, weight 1500 pounds, sound 1 bay mare, 3 years old, weight 1400 pounds sound, broke to all harness; 3 spring draft colts, good ones.

CATTLE, 16 Head—1 red cow, 70 years old, be fresh November 1, gives 5 gallons of milk per day when in full flow; 1 Holstein cow, 6 years old, giving milk, will be fresh in February; 1 Red Durham cow, giving milk, fresh in February; 1 Guernsey cow 2 years old giving milk, fresh January 1, this one is hard to beat; 2 full blood Jersey cows, two years old giving good flow of milk, be fresh March 1; 1 coming 2-year-old black heifer, be fresh in March; 3 spring calves, 7 steers and 2 heifers. These calves are all good ones and of good breed.

HOGS, 40 Head—1 full blood O. L. C. male hog; 6 sows, 1 sow with pigs by side, 1 due to farrow by day of sale; 4 sows due to farrow from 100 to 140 pounds each; 21 spring shoats, weight from 50 to 75 pounds each. These hogs are all well and hearty.

POULTRY—100 head. 6 dozen laying hens; 5 head of full blood Hamburgs; 2 dozen young Plymouth Rock pullets.

FARM IMPLEMENTS—1 horse pulling engine, 1 disc drill, 1 hog coop and other articles not mentioned. Sale begins at 10:00 o'clock. TERMS:—\$55.00 and under cash. Sums over \$5.00 twelve months time will be given, last 6 months bearing 6 per cent interest. Four per cent discount for cash.

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