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### COST OF PAPER:-

The high cost of paper within the last month caused 700 newspapers in the United States to suspend publication. In the next year, according to the manufacturers, the prices being charged for print paper will put 25 per cent of the publications of this country out of business.

This is a matter vital to the public and to the nation. Government already has held newspapers and periodicals to be a prime necessity because of their educational value as a factor in civilization and progress. In recognition of the educational value of the press a low rate of postage has been granted to the newspapers. Education is a public necessity. The medium through which this public necessity must be carried to the people gets mail privileges. The chief medium for disseminating general knowledge and current information must not be improperly or unjustly handicapped or restricted unduly by any influence or power.

We have the government providing means by which newspapers may be had with ease, and on the other hand we have those same newspapers, the medium of general education, threatened with absolute ruin because of their manifest inability to pay the price for paper which the paper manufacturers demand shall be paid.

The Indiana Daily Times believes the public ought to know the plight in which the paper manufacturers have placed the press. The people should understand why hundreds of newspapers are going out of business and why others must practice rigid economy in paper and in space. The Times, for example, has maintained for months a policy of condensation and has eliminated superfluous matter in order to give the public all the news of the day in brief form. This has been done not only as a matter of general policy, but also because of the extortionate prices on paper.

Many publishers now pay 200 per cent more for paper than they paid one year ago. Those who buy large quantities and who buy under contract, must pay 100 per cent more than a year ago and many smaller publishers cannot get paper at any price. In the last six months papers either have increased their subscription and advertising rates or have reduced the size of the paper.

It is a fact that many large city dailies which depend chiefly on advertising revenues, now face ruin because the advertising forces them to continue to use large supplies of costly paper. At this time the big

Sunday papers are being urged to cut down the number of pages of paper used. This is being asked by the federal trade commission on behalf of smaller publications. Sunday papers in the cities for years have been wasting immense quantities of paper by printing acres of barren and bleak so-called "features" that the people gladly would do without. It is pointed out that the Sunday papers, by cutting out useless pages, would make it possible for many smaller publications to get paper and to continue in business.

Paper producers of the United States and Canada are working together and so far are in absolute control of the situation. They seem to be entirely without compunction, and recently have given notice that paper will go still higher in price January 1. There is no relief in sight. Newspapers and periodicals which survive will do so only by conserving supplies to the limit and by standing the loss themselves until prices get back where they ought to be.—Indianapolis Daily Times.

### DOINGS IN SOCIETY

#### WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday. Research—Mrs. L. W. Stolte.

Tuesday. Royal Neighbors' Election.

Wednesday. Presbyterian Aid Supper—At the Church.

Thursday. Historical—Mrs. Wilson Beery.

Friday. Shakespeare—Mrs. H. R. Moltz.

Saturday. Euterpean—Mrs. Fred Fruchte.

Sunday. United Brethren Aid Parcels Post Sale, (afternoon)—Gas Office.

The greatest wisdom is not to be wise at all times.—Berman Proverb.

Mrs. Vistor Eichenberger went to Decatur Wednesday to attend a supper given by Mrs. Daniel Tyndall in honor of Miss Irene Smith, who is to be married in the near future.—Berne Witness.

Mrs. James Fristoe, Mrs. Agnes Linn and Mrs. Hila Murray were hospitable entertainers when the Minnehaha Needle club, with forty present in spite of the rain, met last evening after Pocahontas Lodge. Games, charades and crocheting and needle work passed the time very pleasant and a fine lunch was provided. There will be initiation the next two meeting nights of the lodge and the needle club will postpone its entertainments until January.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Marshall of Lafayette will come to spend Christmas with Mrs. Marshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Weldy at Peterson. Mrs. Marshall was formerly Miss Mabel Weldy.

The wedding of Miss Irene Smith and Mr. Don Vancil of Lima, Ohio, will take place this evening prior to eight o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith. Only the members of the immediate families will witness the nuptials. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vancil of Van Wert, O., formerly of this city. The groom is a Pennsylvania railroad agent at Lima, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Linn had as their guests at dinner last evening, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Johnson and son, Doyle; Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Clark of Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Charles Miller was given a

YOUN cannot buy that man or boy anything that will please him as well for Christmas as some article of clothing that he can wear and get some good out of.

A suit or overcoat, mackinaw or sweater would be very appropriate.

#### SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Boys'.....\$3.50 to \$9.50  
Men's.....\$13.50 to \$25.00  
Sweaters.....50c to \$7.50  
Mackinaws.....\$4.50 to \$8.50

Our store is full of Christmas novelties that cannot help but please.

A neat article in the jewelry line never fails to please as it will be taken care of and appreciated for years to come.

**The Myers-Dailey Company.**  
SUIT THAT SUIT

### CHILD BURNED

Thirteen Months Old Child of Oren Shilts of Union Township Burned.

### WAS LEFT ALONE

For Few Moments—Mother Returned to Find Clothing Burned Off.

Frances, thirteen-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Shilts, who reside on the Arthur Bleeke farm in Union township, was seriously burned at noon today, and her recovery is doubtful.

The mother had left the child in the room alone for only a few moments, while she went out to get a bucket of soft coal. When she returned the child was lying on the floor in flames, its clothing almost entirely burned off. How it caught on fire is unknown, but probably from the fire in the stove, which had just been started, the lower part of the stove having been left open.

The flesh was burned raw, the abdomen, hips, and parts of the body to the neck being parts most badly burned. Only the stockings and a part of the diaper remained untouched by the flames. The blackened tongue of the child gives rise to the fear that the flames had burned the child internally, in case of which its recovery is more doubtful.

For sale, 126 acres of second river bottom land, improvements excellent,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Pleasant Mills, Ind.

For sale or trade, 80 acres, sandy clay soil, good improvements, two miles north of Willshire, Ohio, will trade for smaller farm or good city property.

For sale, four good residence properties in Decatur, will sell any one of them with a small payment down and balance of payments like rent, so much per month, an excellent chance to own your own home, and stop paying rent and with same payments pay out on property.

This property I am desirous of closing out, owing to the fact that I want to locate elsewhere, and I want to reduce my holdings; therefore I am going to give some one an excellent bargain. Will be glad to show these to any one whether you buy or not; just look into my propositions before you buy.

J. F. ARNOLD, Decatur, Ind.

Phone 709. 280-e-o-d-tf

### FORT WAYNE AND SPRINGFIELD TRACTION

#### Leave Decatur.

A. M.—5:50, 8:30, 11:30.  
P. M.—2:30, 5:45, 9:30.

#### Leave Fort Wayne.

A. M.—10:00.  
P. M.—1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00.

Freight car leaves Decatur at 7:55 a. m., and leaves Fort Wayne at 11 a. m., arriving in Decatur at 1:45 p. m.

In addition to the daily service, extra service cars will be run as follows:

Sundays ONLY:

Leave Decatur Leave Ft. Wayne

1:00 p. m. 2:30 p. m.  
4:00 p. m. 5:30 p. m.  
7:00 p. m. 8:30 p. m.

HOMER RUHL, Agent.

Mrs. Thomas Trim and children of Sturgis, Mich., who visited here, left this afternoon for Fort Wayne to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bittner spent the afternoon in Fort Wayne.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS.

The final report of E. Burt Lenhart

guardian of Paul VanCamp et al was

approved and the guardian was dis-

charged.

Hunters' license were taken out by

Lafe Swigart, W.H. Zeser, Menno

Schindler, Wm. J. Myers, P. J. Spangler,

Leo Myer, Earl Stegmeier, Roland

Poling, Alfred Biggs.

Attorney E. B. Adams, for the First

National bank, filed suit against Ed-

win A. Stevens et al, on note, de-

mand \$200.

Peterson & Moran for Ferdinand

Laugenhop filed a suit against Henry

Vilant, demand \$500, on account. Af-

ter affidavit in garnishment against the

Holland-St. Louis Sugar company was

filed, because of money owing the

defendant from that company. Bond

was filed and approved.

James P. Karr vs. John D. Rauch.

Affidavit by receiver showing amount

and conditions of trust. Petition by

Karr to require certain stocks to be

turned over to the receiver.

Real estate transfers: David Roth

et al to Ross Roth, et al, two-sevenths

interest in forty and eighty acres of

Hartford township, \$5000; Decatur

Cemetery Company to Eli W. Hend-

ricks, lot 773, Decatur cemetery,

\$84.40.

A marriage license was issued this

afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to Edgar

Donald Vancil, clerk in Pennsylvania

railroad office at Lima, Ohio, born

May 21, 1894, son of Edgar M. Van-

cil, to wed Irene Phoebe Smith, born

December 15, 1894, daughter of Will-

iam R. Smith.

### THE LAUGHING SUCCESS.

That big laugh producer, "A Full

House," comes to us from the Majes-

tic theater, Fort Wayne, on Wednes-

day, December 13. This is the one

you have been looking for. Posi-

tively one hundred laughs a minute.

The kind your sweetheart likes. The

kind your wife likes. The kind your

children like. Come and bring the

family and see the best show you

have seen in this city for years.

Seats now selling at the Holthouse

drama store.

### ROOT TOWNSHIP NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all voters

in West precinct of Root township that

Road Districts, Nos. 2 and 3, will be

consolidated. The supervisor election

will be held at the Monmouth school

house on Saturday, December 16, between

the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m.

PHIL L. SCHEIFERSTEIN, Trustee.

9-12-14

### SUPPER TUESDAY

Attention is again called to the supper to be served Tuesday evening from five to seven in the Presbyterian church. Twenty five cents. The public is invited.

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Owners and drivers of horse must blanket and unrein their horses while hitched. Also do not rein horses too high.

### HUMANE SOCIETY.

### FUNERAL TOMORROW.

Funeral services for Jeremiah Dra-  
per, formerly of Williams, will be held tomorrow at the Salem church east of the city. The death occurred at Antwerp, Ohio, where he had been with a daughter. A son, Will, lives in this city.

### DITCH NOTICE.

All persons in arrears on their ditch assessments will please pay same at once as the work and expense must be paid now, and the money is there-  
fore now due.

PHIL L. SCHEIFERSTEIN, Trustee.

### BARGAINS IN REAL ESTATE.

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