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application.

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Indiana, as second-class matter.

Columbus, Indiana, has two police
forces, the republicans now serving
refusing to quit. Suppose they
haven't been officially notified or
have some excuse about as silly.

While the new fire chief of Frank-
fort was being sworn in, the fire
alarm sounded and the new chief
rushed to fight a fifty thousand dollar
blaze, one of the worst ever in that
city.

A suit has been filed in Wells coun-
ty to test the validity of the regis-
tration law and most people over the
state will hope for a victory, for the
law so far as counties like Adams
and Wells are concerned is a nu-
isance and an expense.

The resignation of Will Hays has
reached that point where his suc-
cessor is being guessed. Looks like Wil-
liam will follow his predecessor, Mr.
McAdoo into the "movie" game.
Everyone seems to be human when
it comes to the amount of a fellow's
salary or income.

Governor Sprout of Pennsylvania
will appoint himself as the successor
of Senator Penrose, that is he will be
an arrangement made with his lieu-
tenant governor, resign and the newly
made governor will then issue the
appointment. They raise real
"bosses" in Pennsylvania who don't
lose any time trying to find out what
the people want.

Owners of automobiles should as-
sist the city officials by applying for
their license at once, so that by the
first of the month each machine will
carry the 1922 plate. Officers cannot
do otherwise than enforce the law
and every good citizen should assist
them. The administration desires to
be as fair as possible and will allow
this month for those who have not
done so to take out their license.
After that it will be up to you and
excuses will not go.

Merchants have been busy invoic-
ing this week and checking up their
accounts that they may know just
how they came out during 1921. Now
they will plan for the next year. In
making appropriations for the year
1922 they should include a liberal
fund for advertising for that is the
very life blood of every successful
business. It was never more true
than right now and the men who suc-
ceed will do so because they tell the
people what they have and at what
prices they can sell it. Thousands
want to know these facts and are
looking for your announcements.

The local plant of the General
Electric company is starting the year
out in a manner most encouraging to
the community. They have added
several employees this week and the
clock sheet now shows 140 on the pay
roll here. They shipped a car of
motors out today and the outlook is
brighter than appeared possible a
few weeks ago. This is splendid
news and means much for this
community where we have been luckier
than in many localities. Other con-
cerns here are also looking forward
to a better year and we have a
chance to make this the biggest and
best ever.

The first court house in Adams
county, long used as a cheap tem-
porary house on the rear of a First
street lot is now being torn down. It

served as the official hall of justice
from 1836 until 1873 and if it could
talk it could tell us enough stories
of interest to fill many feature pages,
no doubt. It is the passing of an old
land mark, just as incident in the
march of time and within a few
years will have been forgotten, but
the records made therein have serv-
ed their place and are now among
the archives in the newer court house
built nearly half a century ago and
now nearly ready for the discard.

Mayor DeVoss told the council
members his views on government of
the city and made some splendid
points. He said the concern of the
present year should be to operate the
city economically, to serve efficiently
and towards that end he put in force
several new ideas which will work
for business efficiency. His commit-
tees were selected after much thought
we are sure and with the desire that
the affairs of that part of the city
over which they will have charge be
conducted in the manner desired.
His report included a complete re-
port of the financial condition of the
city and the amount of money on
hands. We should say that the first
message of the new mayor will prove
a popular one and that every citizen
will wish for a realization of the
hopes of the mayor and his official
family.

It will be well for you to remem-
ber that there is nothing of a com-
mercial nature in the milk campaign
to be held here the two weeks start-
ing March 13th, nor is it an effort to
establish milk products as the only
foods you should use, but one to
place milk, cheese, ice cream and
butter where they belong. Milk and
its products are nourishing foods
and children fed upon these show
wonderful physical and mental im-
provement. This is a great dairy
county and boosting this product is a
boost for the county. The farmer
who does not see the good he will
get from such a campaign is not giving
the campaign the thought he
should and what is good for the farmer
in this county is good for every
citizen for we live largely from their
efforts and successes. We hope
everyone will become enthusiastic
over this proposed campaign for it is
a very important one.

Opie Read is like no one else in the
world. His very presence lends a
strange enchantment to his stories.
You may have enjoyed his books in
the solitude of your library; perchance
you have been stirred by his plays, or
spent delightful half-hours in the reading
of his clever character sketches; but
unless you sat within the
sound of his voice and heard from his
lips the quaint tales that originate
in his brain, you do not fully appre-
ciate the splendid genius of the man.

On the platform Mr. Read shines
with a brilliance all his own. The
indescribable witchery of his words,
the charm of his voice and manner,
the influence of his personality com-
bine to weave the magic spell that
holds his hearers enthralled.

Mr. Read has a new lecture, "Human
Nature and Politics," composed for
the most part of experience stories
that have never been printed and
never before been told on the plat-
form. He gave this lecture on a
Chautauqua tour last summer and
every audience was immensely en-
thralled.

In general, the utility business is
better than ever before. Last week,
our output was greater than any
week in the history of the company.
Business conditions in South Bend
are very good. In Elkhart they are
good but hardly as good as in South
Bend.

The demands upon us are daily
increasing, and the problem for us,
even with business as it is today, is
how to take care of the increasing
business. With the return of normal
business, it will, of course, involve
the expenditure of a considerable
amount of capital."

The view of Bryan is, in a way,
confirmed by L. C. Griffiths, pres-
ident of the Southern Indiana Tele-
phone & Telegraph company, Sey-
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"My thought in this connection is
that the public utilities will have a
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year. There are two or three rea-
sons for this. The first one is that
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public service commission cannot al-
low a reasonable return on the fair
value of these properties. The pub-
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tance to the community of a prosper-
ous, well-managed utility. This is
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Frank J. Haas, vice president and
general manager of the Southern Indiana
Gas and Electric company, Evansville,
believes that the prosperity
of the state rests in a large measure
on the prosperity of the public
utility companies. If the companies
are not in position to provide plenty
of electric power, transportation and
communication service, he believes,
the state will be held back.

Card Party and Dance
K. of C. Hall
Wednesday, Jan. 4th
Play starts at 8 p. m. prompt.
Dance starts at 10 p. m. prompt.
Admission 25c. Committee
309-41

The "Mother of Medicine."
Isis, the Queen and afterwards the
Goddess, was called the "Mother of
Medicine." In ancient Egypt, centuries
before Christ, women were skilled in
medicine. They knew the great value
of medicinal plants.

Hippocrates, the "Father of Medi-
cine," many centuries later, knew less
of the merit of vegetable drugs than
did the women of ancient times.

Lydin E. Pinkham, nearly fifty years
ago, gave to women her Vegetable
Compound, now known everywhere as
Lydin E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-
pound. This is a woman's medicine
for woman's ailments, prepared from
medicinal plants.

OPIE READ.

The name, Opie Read, is a "best-
seller" whether it appears on a title
page or lecture list, because it stands
for one of America's best-loved person-
alities as well as one of her most brill-
iant author-lecturers.

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world. His very presence lends a
strange enchantment to his stories.
You may have enjoyed his books in
the solitude of your library; perchance
you have been stirred by his plays, or
spent delightful half-hours in the reading
of his clever character sketches; but
unless you sat within the
sound of his voice and heard from his



OPIE READ.

ARE OPTIMISTIC

Public Utility Companies in
Indiana Believe It Will Be
Hard to Keep

WITH PROCESSION

During Next Year--Return
of Business Many Im-
provements Are Made.

Indianapolis, Jan. 3.—(Special to
Daily Democrat)—Business in Indi-
ana is going to be so good, in 1922
that public utility companies, at
least, look forward to a hard job
keeping up with the procession, ac-
cording to statements written for the
United Press by leaders in the elec-
tric, telephone and traction field of
the state. Everywhere the utilities
are wondering where they are going
to obtain money with which to sup-
ply the constantly increasing demand
for service, the statement said. F.
A. Bryan, president of the Indiana &
Michigan Electric company, South
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RED PEPPERS
STOP PAIN OF
RHEUMATISM

When you are suffering with rheu-
matism so you can hardly get around
just try Red Pepper Rub and you will
have the quickest relief known.
Nothing has such concentrated,
penetrating heat as red peppers. In-
stant relief. Just as soon as you ap-
ply Red Pepper Rub you feel the
tingling heat. In three minutes it
warms the sore spot through and
through. Frees the blood circulation,
breaks up the congestion—and
the old rheumatism torture is gone.

Rowies Red Pepper Rub, made
from red peppers, costs little at any
drug store. Get a jar at once. Use it
for lumbago, neuritis, backache, stiff
neck, sore muscles, colds in chest.
Almost instant relief awaits you. Be
sure to get the genuine, with the
name Rowies on each package.

Niblick & Co's. January
CLEARANCE SALE

Our January Sale is now going on and many excellent values are being offered. Every department throughout our store has splendid bargains. Prices have been marked down to the lowest level. We are reducing our stocks and clearing out all Fall and Winter goods before we take inventory.

Winter Coats and
Suits

We have divided our Coats and Suits into lots, take your
choice. Cost has been forgotten.

Coats and Suits

\$32.50 to \$45.00

this sale

\$22.50

Coats and Suits
\$25.00 to \$29.50

this sale

\$14.75

Wool Dresses

Wool Dresses that were

\$15.00 to \$18.50, this sale

\$9.75

Wool Dresses

that were \$25.00 to \$32.50

this sale

\$17.50

SALE OF DOMESTICS

We have some excellent values to offer

which are marked below today's cotton market.

32 in. Fine Gingham, good value at 35c;	25c
27 in. Fine Quality Gingham, 25c value, sale	20c
36 in. Extra Quality Percales, 25c value, sale	20c
Extra Heavy Light and Dark Outings, Sale	18c
36 in. Heavy Army Outing, Sale, while they last	28c
36 in. Unbleached Muslin, 22c value, sale	17c
40 in. Extra Quality Unbleached Muslin, 20c value, sale	15c
36 in. Fine Bleached Muslin, 25c value, sale	18c
42 in. Extra Quality Pillow Tubing, 45c value, sale	35c

JANUARY SALE UNDERWEAR

In this lot will be included
the Famous Carters Underwear

Carters Fine Union Suits, \$2.00 value	\$1.68
Carters Union Suits, \$2.35 value	\$1.88
Extra Heavy Union Suits, \$2.25 and \$2.50 values	\$1.88
Childrens Heavy Union Suits, \$1.25 value	98c
Carters Silk and Wool Union Suits, \$4.50 and \$5.00 values	\$3.78

All other Underwear at Reduced Prices.

BLANKET SPECIALS

Fine Cotton Blankets, with border, \$2.25 value	\$1.78
Fine Cotton Blankets, extra size, \$3.25 value	\$2.68
Fine Wool Nap Str	