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Well, well, along comes Indian summer when we had about made up our minds there was no "such animal."

A California man, who died, recently, bequeathed \$1,000 to his pet canary. We have heard of bequests to "chick-ens" and "cats" but this is the first time we have heard of one to a bird.

Two weeks from today is Christmas. It will be happier and merrier if you have your shopping all done ahead of time. There never were so many beautiful gifts as this year and the prices in the Decatur stores being more reasonable, you will do well to make up your lists and get the job off your hands. Start now.

## EDITORIALS

The Good Fellow fund is about one hundred dollars. That's not so bad but it's only one third the amount needed to guarantee a Happy Christmas for every poor boy and girl. Save a dime or two from some where and help the young ladies who are working so hard to make this a success. You will never miss it, never regret it and you will get a good thrill out of doing it.

Congressman Hill of Maryland—that you may not jump at conclusions, he's a republican—has introduced a bill for the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, which, as you may remember, is the one which bans the manufacture or sale of liquor in this country. Of course, the bill won't get far, probably never out of committee, but you can gamble that from now on for some time, the bill will be filed and refilled and argued until every one is satisfied there is no chance by fair means or foul, to pass it.

A man may light his cigar with a \$10 bill to show his supreme disregard for its value and be excused for a bit of ashiness that hurts only himself. If he burned a bushel basket full of \$10 bills every morning of the year, an insanity commission would look into his mental condition. Somebody would call for the help of the army, navy and police force of the nation. Yet, says Collier's, that is exactly what the United States is permitting with its forest reserves where fires impose a loss equivalent to \$100,000 daily. Of the 92,000 forest fires last year, "the perfect fools among us," to use Collier's phrase, started 24,000, all of which were preventable.

Representative Gottschalk, democratic leader of the house during the sessions of 1923 and 1925 has in an open letter to the Indianapolis Times, declared a position opposed to the calling of a special session of the legislature for investigating the road commission. He is also opposed to the politicalization of the board or for anything else which will prevent speeding up in the program, pointing out that we are now behind sister states in our program. He is right, as usual. We can't imagine the present Indiana legislature making any investigation of any thing in such manner as would best serve some political ring, clan or gang and thus deter road improvements. The present administration on the commission is honest and if left alone a year or two, will make progress.

Beginning January 10th, nearly every church in Decatur will hold special services for two weeks and they are asking sufficiently far in

advance, that all plans for other events, be made accordingly, for the cooperation of all good citizens who believe that the church is an important part of the community. There is a tendency these days to overlook the church and its important work, to think only of amusements, business, sports and those things which, after all are minor when compared to Life Eternal. The churches will, with special programs, try to call your attention to the Bible and your efforts and thoughts back to the church. Meetings are also being planned in various churches over the county for the same period and it should be an occasion of great profit and great advancement. We all want this to be the best city and county in the state and one thing necessary to achieve that is right living. We ask you again to assist in making the January two week revival a real one.

If auto insurance to protect the public is so good a thing that one believes the state should undertake the insurance, why not go on and have the state build and sell and repair the car also, sell spare parts and do the painting. An insurance policy on every car to protect the public may be a fair requirement. But that does not establish a presumption that because the state requires such a policy it should also furnish the insurance or repair automobiles. The state is formed for doing the social, collective things that the individual cannot do. It is not properly a seller of commodities or services. It should not do into business and rob one or many of their chance to develop industries. However desirable insurance may be, selling insurance is no more a proper function of government than the printing of newspapers, the shoeing of horses or the selling of automobile tires. No man with a job, or a home, or a farm, or a business of his own, wants the government to step into the industrial field.

Hear Ted Rogers and his "talkin'" banjo at Masonic hall, Sat. Nite, Dec. 12. 29014

## TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

From the Daily Democrat File Twenty Years Ago This Day

December 11, 1905—Dr. H. E. Keller has received patent on incubator and will manufacture here. The Elks contract for concert by "Rooney Boys" December 21st, proceeds to go to Charity. Clover leaf announces change of time for all trains, effective January 1st.

David Wagoner leaves for St. Louis to work at plumber's trade. Marion Andrews is home from three weeks in Oklahoma and Kansas. Miss Carrie Craig assumes position as bookkeeper at the Carroll offices. John Crawford is visiting Fort Wayne friends. Governor Hanley orders examination of records in all state offices.

## Big Features Of RADIO Programs Today

### FRIDAY'S RADIO FEATURES

WEAF, New York, 492, 8 p. m. (E. S.T.)—Billy Jones and Ernest Hare. WGY, Schenectady, 380 and WJY, New York, 405, 8:15 p. m. (E.S.T.)—Musical comedy. WOC, Davenport, 484, 9:45 p. m. (C.S.T.)—St. Ambrose choir. WCS, Jefferson City, 441, 8 p. m. (C.S.T.)—Boonville artists. WSB, Atlanta, 428, 10:45 p. m. (C.S.T.)—Miniature symphony from the Radio exposition.

## CONGRESS TODAY

(By United Press)

Senate  
Not in session.  
Privileges and elections committee meets on Nye appointment.  
House  
Considers tax reduction bill.

Ed Vancil, of Van Wert, Ohio, was a business visitor here today. Father Max Benzinger, of Hesseu Castle, was a visitor here today.

Present him or her with a Parker Fountain Pen for Christmas. Callow & Kohne. 11.14.15.16.17.21.22.23

## INDIANA GUARD IN FINE SHAPE

### Adjutant General Says 4,753 Men Could Be Mobilized In 18 Hours

Indianapolis, Dec. 11. — (United Press)—If war should be declared on the United States the 4,753 members of the Indiana Guard could be mobilized at their home stations in less than 18 hours.

This statement was made to the United Press today by Adjutant W. H. Kirschner.

General Kirschner said that the Indiana National Guard is in better condition today than any other time in the history of the state.

The morale of the various units is said to be exceptionally high, and the type of men now enlisting is of the highest class.

In speaking of the speedy mobilization of the troops General Kirschner explained that it would require at least 24 hours from the time the troops were mobilized at their home stations until they could be mobilized at the central camp, ready for transportation to the scene of action.

The 4,753 National Guardsmen now under arms in the state represents a maximum number the state can maintain in peace times under orders from the United States War Department, Kirschner explained.

Indiana, at this time has complete signal corps, infantry, artillery, heavy and light, medical and engineering units, the General said.

All of these units are fully equipped and their equipment is in the best possible condition.

Under these circumstances as soon as the Indiana troops reached the front, in case of war they would be ready for immediate action.

General Kirschner said that in many instances National Guard units in various parts of the state were maintaining "waiting lists" in order to accommodate men who desire to join the organizations.

Other outfits have been forced to discharge men in order to keep down to the strength ordered by the War Department.

General Kirschner, at this time is making plans for beginning his annual inspection of the various troops in the

state. This inspection will be started immediately after the first of the year, he was said.

At the present time the head of the Indiana military organization is just completing his annual inspection of armories over the state. In practically every instance the armories are found to be in extraordinary good condition, it was said.

## T. A. GOTTSCHALK EXPLAINS STAND

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of slowing up our Good Roads Program.

"I believe that the people generally feel that the Highway Department, at the present time, is as efficiently managed as can be expected of a governmental department and I share this belief. They may have technically violated some law in disposing of some of the surplus war material from the Federal Government yet it seems to me that they showed good business and judgment.

Respectfully yours,  
"T. A. Gottschalk."

Col. Fred Reppert is home from Cleveland where he attended their first big stock show and says it was a real success.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beery will leave Wednesday for Los Angeles, where they will visit relatives for some time.

Mrs. W. A. Kuebler will leave Monday for Los Angeles, to enjoy the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Schmitt.

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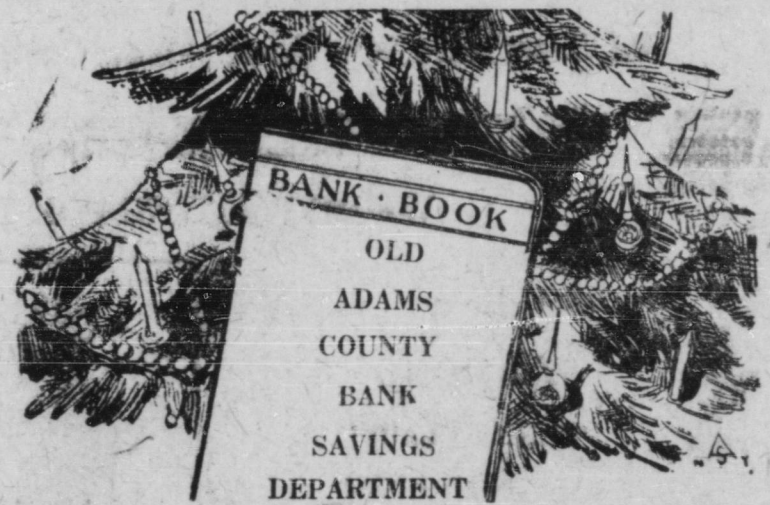
## Buy Useful Holiday Gifts That Lasts

Our assortment of useful gifts is large and varied and you will be sure to find something to please you. What finer gift could you give than some article chosen from the following suggestions:

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|---|----------------------------|
| Hoover Sweeper or a set of Hoover attachments | Coaster Wagon              |
| Community Silverware                          | Tricycles                  |
| Free Sewing Machine                           | Scooters                   |
| Floor or Bridge Lamp                          | Tot-Bikes                  |
| Stand Lamp                                    | Travelling Bags            |
| Casseroles                                    | Hat Boxes                  |
| Baking Dishes                                 | Fitted Suit Cases          |
| Fry Oven Ware                                 | Flash Lights               |
| Aluminum Ware                                 | Automatic Windshield Wiper |
| Pocket Cutlery                                | Motor Meters               |
| Safety Razor                                  | Auto Robes                 |

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WE SAVE YOU MONEY



## Have Money

## Next Christmas

and at the Same Time Build Up

## A Savings Account

Deposit One Dollar or as much as you care to in our Savings Department, earn 4% interest on it on an average daily deposit and you'll lay the corner stone for a Christmas Fund and a Savings Account at the same time.

We have a very simple and convenient plan for our depositors and want to help you in building up a Savings Account. Let us credit your savings in the special books which we have for your convenience.

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# Old Adams County Bank

## Gifts Galore!

Greeting Cards  
With a happy Christmas message, ..... 5c to 25c  
A fine line of these cards.

This store has a variety of well selected and useful Christmas gifts. Gifts for the home and for the individual and we invite you to see them.

Just a few suggestions for the Christmas shopper.

### Perfumes and Vanity Sets

Choice of the best perfumes—Coty's, Djer.  
Vanity boxes, assorted boxes, from  
Vanity boxes, assorted boxes, from  
**\$1.00 to \$7.50**  
Perfumers, in Christmas boxes.

### IVORY SETS and ODD PIECES

The gift every woman appreciates  
**\$3.50 to \$25.00**  
A SET

### Stationery

Arabesque or Symphony  
Lawn writing paper, in  
fancy boxes, the ideal Christmas gift ..... 50c to \$2.25

### Smoking Sets, Candles and Candle Sticks, Holy Bibles, every home should have one.

Home and Table decorations, fancy wrapping paper, Conklin Fountain Pens, just the gift for the man; Special boxes of fresh Christmas candy, from 49c to \$2.00 a box.

In fact this store is filled with hundreds of choice Christmas presents and it is a pleasure to show you.

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