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STRIKING COAL MINERS ARE HARD HIT

BAUGHMAN STORE LOOTED OF \$100 IN MERCHANDISE

Thieves Break Into Local Store Early Monday Morning; Take \$5 Cash

AUTO USED TO HAUL LOOT AWAY

Thieves entered the Baughman Five and Ten Cent store early Sunday morning, rifled the cash register of \$8 in cash and stole merchandise valued at \$100. An effort, also, was made to break into the safe, but this attempt proved futile. The robbery was first discovered by Night Policeman Arthur Clark.

Officer Clark passed through the alley about 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning and noticed the rear door partly open. The door had been closed on his previous round and he immediately investigated. Sam Franks, night watchman, was notified and the two men went through the building. The thieves had left, but the cash register had been left open and the two officers immediately notified Mr. and Mrs. Baughman.

Rear Window Pried Open

The thieves had gained entrance by prying open a rear window and then unlocking the rear door so that they could carry the merchandise out. Among the things stolen were several pairs of blankets, two dolls, a tricycle, some waste paper baskets and other valuable toys. The knobs which hold the outer door of the safe in place had been removed in an effort to get the money from the safe. This attempt was unsuccessful and the money was still in the safe Sunday morning when the owners arrived on the scene.

Night Watchman Franks said that about 3 o'clock Sunday morning he saw an automobile drive down the alley and head east across the river. It is his opinion that the thieves were in the car and that they had stolen all they could carry in the automobile. Local police are working on several clues. The merchandise was not in-

NOTICE CLASSES 1891 TO 1900

All those who attended the Decatur high school during the years from 1891 to 1900, inclusive, are requested to meet at the Industrial rooms, over Graham & Walters office at 4 o'clock tomorrow, Tuesday, afternoon to plan for our part in the Alumni program. Please come as we have to work fast.

E. B. Adams,
Temporary Chairman.

HAWKINS CASE IS TRIED HERE

One Of Many Suits Filed Against Portland Man Heard In Local Court

One of the numerous cases filed against Morton S. Hawkins, former Portland financier, and his associates in the Welfare Loan business, as a result of the alleged fraud in the manipulations of the business, was tried in circuit court before Judge Jesse S. Sutton here this morning. The case was taken under advisement by the court.

The case tried here, which was venued from Jay county, was that of Joseph M. Aldridge and others, against Morton S. Hawkins, and others.

There are sixteen plaintiffs in the case and judgment for a total of \$4,783.33 is demanded. The judgments asked range from \$90 up to \$1,000. The particular loan society in which the plaintiffs in this case invested their money was the Welfare Loan Society of Jacksonville, Florida. They allege that there was fraud in the manner in which the business was conducted. In addition to the judgment for cash, the plaintiffs ask that the funds, money, assets and property of the plaintiffs and the Welfare Loan Society of Jacksonville be declared a trust and

Old Note For \$225 Costs Ex-Governor Of Indiana, \$6,522

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 21—An old note today cost Winfield Durbin, former governor of Indiana, the sum of \$6,522.

Forty-four years ago he borrowed \$225 from his wife and gave her the note, bearing 8 percent interest.

Both of them forgot the note until he found it in clearing out an old desk. Durbin promptly figured the interest and gave his wife a check.

REV. HINZ TO LEAVE DECATUR

Pastor Of Lutheran Church Of This City Accepts Call To Cleveland

The Rev. Arthur W. Hinz, pastor of the Lutheran church in this city, has accepted a call extended him by a congregation in Cleveland. The call has been in the hands of Rev. Hinz for several weeks. After deliberation in a special meeting of the church yesterday, Rev. Hinz was given a peaceful release to take up the work in the new charge. The congregation to which he has been called is one of the larger ones of the Missouri Synod on the West Side of Cleveland.

Rev. Hinz will deliver a farewell address in the services next Sunday morning. The German service will be held at 9:30 o'clock and the English service at 10:30 o'clock. Christmas services will be held at those hours, December 25.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21—Western Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma will have a white Christmas if the present weather continues. A snowstorm is reported raging in Kansas, while Oklahoma reports flurries. A temperature of 22 degrees and a cutting wind brought a light snow to western Missouri yesterday and today.

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NEWSPAPER SELLS FOR \$14,326,573

Chicago Daily News Bought By Syndicate, Including Lowden And Dawes

Chicago, Dec. 21—Sale of the Chicago Daily News for \$14,326,573 has been consummated and the official announcement of the deal is expected today, according to reports in local banking circles.

Walter Strong, business manager of the News, is head of the syndicate which has taken over the property, it is understood.

Members of the syndicate include Frank C. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, Joseph Otis, of the Central Trust company and Representative of Vice President Charles G. Dawes, Samuel A. Paton, millionaire Board of Trade operator and George F. Porter, for some years national representative of Illinois.

The Illinois Merchants Trust and Savings company, trustee for the estate of Victor Lawson, received approximately 20 bids for the newspaper property, it was said.

Bidders were said to include Frank A. Munsey, New York publisher, Frank E. Gannett, another big eastern newspaper publisher, the Curtis interests of Philadelphia, The Booth

Syndicate of Michigan, former Governor James A. Cox of Ohio, and Illinois democrats supported by Governor Al Smith of New York.

Tentative plans for financing the deal call for the issuance of \$8,000,000 in preferred and common stock. There

is to be 150,000 shares of preferred

stock and 600,000 shares of common

stock.

Catholic Church Bazaar Nets Profit Of \$4,400

A little more than \$4,400 was cleared from the bazaar given by the congregation of the St. Mary's Catholic church during Thanksgiving week, in the auditorium of the new school building.

The report of receipts and expenses was read Sunday at the conclusion of the bazaar.

Other details, in relation to the bazaar to be accorded winners in the five-acre corn contest, are being arranged by a committee of farmers, according to L. M. Busche, county agent.

Admission to the banquet will be by ticket and those wishing to attend should watch this paper for names of

farmers having them.

SNOWFALL IS GENERAL OVER MIDDLE WEST

Hopes For "White Christmas" Receive Boost; Heaviest Snow In Iowa

COLDER WEATHER IS FORECAST FOR INDIANA

Chicago, Dec. 21—Heavy falls of snow covered parts of the middle west today, disrupting transportation and communication facilities. The snow fall was accompanied by zero temperatures and biting winds which added to the miseries of the poor in the larger cities.

The fall was heaviest in Iowa. Six inches of snow covered the ground at Council Bluffs.

Additional snow fall today gave the middle west hopes of "White Christmas." Bureau forecasts indicated almost continued snowfall all week.

Rain Turns To Snow
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 21—Rain turning to snow and colder weather was forecast for Indiana today by the local weather bureau.

A light snow fell in the central part of the state Sunday but melted as it hit the ground.

Smoke and fog today made the early morning hours in Indianapolis as dark as night.

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FARMERS PLAN TO HOLD BANQUET

Members Of Corn And Ton Litter Contests Arranging Event For Jan. 4

Another "Five Acre-Ton Litter" banquet is in prospect for Adams county farmers interested in these features of agricultural work, according to plans which are now being put underway. The banquet will be held in Decatur, on the evening of January 4.

A highly entertaining affair of this nature was held at Monroe, two years ago, when about 80 farmers, representing every part of Adams county, gathered for a big feed and a celebration of their accomplishments in growing corn and feeding hogs.

Although details have not been worked out, it is definitely known that Dr. G. M. Frier, who is head of the Department of Agricultural Exhibits at Purdue University, will be here to address the gathering. Dr. Frier is said to be an accomplished speaker and those who attend are sure to find it well worth while.

The "Schmitt Trophy," a beautiful silver loving cup, which is awarded each year to the feeder of the heaviest ton litter in Adams county during the year, will be presented to the 1925 winner. In addition, cash premiums will be awarded others who won in the contest.

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Nine Masses To Be Said Here On Christmas Day

Nine masses will be said on Christmas day at the St. Mary's Catholic church in this city. The three regular masses will be held at five, seven, thirty and nine forty-five, while six other masses will be celebrated in between the scheduled masses. An out-of-town priest will be here to assist Father J. A. Seimetz, rector, and Father Otto Peters, assistant, at the Christmas services and on Wednesday and Thursday in the confessional.

The car did not turn over and only the front was damaged. Mr. Schulte, the only occupant of the car, was shaken up considerably, but was not seriously injured. He was able to walk on into Decatur. The car was brought to a local garage this afternoon for repairs.

It is thought that, had the car been going at a high rate of speed, the occupant would have either been thrown to the side of the road.

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