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The shortest day in the year, so
you have to work that much faster
to get every thing done, including
your Christmas shopping. The sun
rose at 1:04 this morning and sets
at 4:23.

The track is all greased for Santa
Claus. The blanket of snow came just
in season and reports from the north
pole are that the old boy has his
reindeers all harnessed, his sled
packed and is ready for the big trip
around the globe.

The blanket of snow saved a dis-
astrous and tremendous fire loss this
morning, no doubt, when the the
sparks from the garage fire carried
several blocks and without that protection
would have probably wiped
out a block or two on First street.

Perhaps the most important over-
head you have to consider is that of
fire insurance as is demonstrated several
times a year. Protection is
necessary for your own good, for your
creditors, for your community. We
usually think of these things after a
big fire and its well we do.

A little extra care at this time of
year may save you thousands of dollars
in fire loss. If you will just think
about it, many of the most disastrous
fires in this section have occurred at
this season of the year, the old Bur-
House, the Schafer building and a
number of others. Be careful.

If Senator Bruce, of Maryland, gets
his bill through the senate the country
will again have the old time wet
and dry fights. He proposes an
amendment to the eighteenth amendment
of the constitution, providing
that the liquor question be decided
by local option elections. That's the
surest way to keep the problem stir-
red up for the next hundred years.

You only have a day or two in which
to subscribe to the fund for the poor
kiddies. The Good Fellow's club is
still open but you will have to hurry
if you are to get in on it this year.
The young ladies in charge are busy
thus week with their plans to make
the Christmas cheer a little brighter
than ever. Thank you all who helped
them do it for we know they appre-
ciate the splendid co-operation you
have given again.

We regret the decision of Rev.
Arthur W. Hinz of the Lutheran
church to leave Decatur but we con-
gratulate him upon the opportunity
thus offered him to serve in a larger
field. Rev. Hinz is a splendid, Christian
gentleman who has during his
years as a citizen in Decatur endeared
himself to every one who has come
in contact with him. He is sincere,
industrious, talented and will make
good at Cleveland where he will move
shortly.

A man who had worked many years
as a watchman in a Philadelphia
bank had an opportunity to steal
about fifty thousand dollars. He
worked himself up to the pitch, got
the money and started away in his
car but was stricken with heart fail-
ure and died. Looks like the Lord
was taking a hand in this free and
easy epidemic with other peoples
money.

The streets and roads are slippery
and without any desire to offend any
person, we take the liberty of again
warning you to be careful. You can
consider postage and treasury
appropriation bills.

skid easily and you can cause a ter-
rible wreck. Don't speed, watch the
stop signals, turn the corners care-
fully and avoid accidents.

The Chicago Daily News, a news-
paper built up during the business
life of one man, Victor F. Lawson,
has been sold for something over
fourteen million dollars. The company
which purchased the property
included a number of famous men
such as Governor Lowden, Vice-presi-
dent Dawes and others who have mil-
lions to invest to secure power. How-
ever this is a fine investment which
will earn them dividends no doubt for
the management is to continue the
same as it has been and the paper is
recognized as one of the world's
greatest. Bids were also offered by
James Cox, of Dayton, a syndicate
headed by Governor Smith, of New
York, and other men of national reputa-
tion.

The list of acceptances to the
Alumni banquet now numbers nearly
three hundred and are coming in each
day. Its going to be a fine time with
numerous surprises and a reunion of
those who got their "reading", "ritin'
and "arithmetick" together in the De-
catur schools. Wish we could tell
you all about it but a part of the
program is for each decade to work
out its own. Any way if you haven't
decided to go, better get your name in.
Don't be squeamish. If you have
been overlooked by the invitation
committee, just remember its a big
job and a hard one to get all the
names and that any oversight is un-
intentional. If you are an alumnus
of the Decatur high schools, plan to
be there and if you don't feel you can
come to the banquet, join the after
dinner crowd and enjoy the program.

**Big Features Of
RADIO
Programs Today**

(Copyright 1925 by United Press)
WJY, New York, 405, 8:15 p. m.
(EST)—American orchestral society,
from Town Hall.

WBZ, Springfield, 333, 8 p. m.
(EST)—Hockey game from Boston
arena.

WOC, Davenport, 484, 10:15 p. m.
(CST)—Contest of male quartets.

CNRV, Vancouver, 291, 8:30 p. m.
(PCT)—Choir in Christmas program.

WEAF and hookup, thirteen stations,
9 p. m. (EST)—8 p. m. (CST)—
Joint program, including Christmas
features and bridge lesson; Vincent
Lopez and his orchestra.

TWENTY-YEARS AGO TODAY
From the Daily Democrat File
Twenty Years Ago This Day

Dr. Arthur Beery is home from
school at Indianapolis.

P. W. Smith has recovered from a
severe illness of several months duration.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will
give their entertainment Saturday
evening and the M. E. Sunday school
on Sunday evening.

Marriage License—T. Buuck and
Pauline Blomberg.

Five-year-old daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. John Debolt has hand scalded
when cup of coffee overurns.

**Congress One
Hundred Years Ago**

(By United Press)
Senate

Not in session.

House

Asked President Adams to send it
President Jefferson's message of 1803
about a transcontinental expedition to
the mouth of the Columbia river.

Debated bill to authorize the Ohio
legislature to sell certain lands appropri-
ated to the use of schools in that
state.

CONGRESS TODAY
Senate

Continues world court debate.

Boulder Dam hearing resumed before
irrigation and reclamation committee.

House

Considers postoffice and treasury
appropriation bills.

**CITY CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM TO BE
HELD WEDNESDAY**

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the circuit court room of the court
house in case the weather is bad to-
morrow evening.

Following is a copy of the three
Christmas carols to be sung. All per-
sons who attend the program are
urged to clip them from the paper
and bring them along:

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger,
No crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the sky,

Looking down where he lay,

The little Lord Jesus
Asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
The poor baby wakes,
The little Lord Jesus
No crying he makes.

I love Thee, Lord Jesus,

Look down from the sky,

And stay by my crib,

Watching my lullaby.

Silent Night.

Silent night, Holy night, All is calm,

All is bright,

Round yon Virgin, Mother and child,

Heavenly Hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia.

Christ the Saviour is born,

Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, Holy night, Son of God,
love's pure light.

Radiant beams from thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace.

Jesus, Lord at thy birth,

Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Hark The Herald Angels Sing.

Hark the herald angels sing,

Glory to the new born king,

Peace on Earth and Mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled!

Joyful, all ye nations rise,

Join the triumph of the skies

With th' Angelic host proclaim,

Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Hark the herald angels sing,

Glory to the new born king.

Christ, by highest heaven adored,

Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Late in time behold him come,

Offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,

Home Made Peanut Brittle, 15c

Peanuts and Taffy, lb..... 15c

Chocolate Drops, 20c

Pound..... 25c

Home Made Clusters, 25c

Pound..... 15c

M. & O. Special Mixed, 15c

Pound..... 15c

Fresh Roasted Peanuts, 15c

Pound..... 15c

Box Candy, 1 to 5 pound

Home Made Candy, 20c

Pound..... 15c

Dates, 15c

Pound..... 15c

M. & O. Confectionery

Don't Forget The Dear Ones

At Home

**Complete
Your
List**

of last minute shopping with

Useful and Practical Gifts.

Community Silverware is

always appreciated.

Pyrex Oven Ware—Inexpensive but Useful.

A Hoover Sweeper will extend the Christmas spirit

during the entire year.

Travelling Bags—Fitted Suit Cases—Hat Boxes—

Bridge and Floor Lamps—Stand Lamps—Sleds and

Coaster Wagons.

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WE SAVE YOU MONEY.

Half the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emanuel.

Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Risen with healing in his wings
Light and life to all He brings,
Hail to Son of righteousness,
Hail the Heaven born prince of peace.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas program will be given
Tuesday evening at the Antioch
church, west of the city. The public
is invited to attend.

EQUITY TO CLOSE

The Williams Equity Exchange will
be closed December 25th and 26th.
Patrons please take notice.

**Republican Editors To
Ask Coolidge To Speak**

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—(United
Press)—An invitation to President
Coolidge to address the mid-winter
meeting of the Indiana republican editorial
association was being prepared
today, following a meeting of officials
of the association.

Clyde Waib, state chairman, Herbert
Willis, president of the association and
Harry Fenton, secretary of the state
committee, are to go to Washington
early in January to extend the invitation
to the President.

**Automobile Strikes Woman
Standing In Safety Zone**

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—(United
Press)—Seven separate charges, in-
cluding that of driving an automobile
while intoxicated, today confronted
Brown Patterson, whose automobile
struck Mrs. Carrie Springer, 42, as
she was standing in a safety zone.

Mrs. Springer was severely injured.

**Anderson Merchants
To Carry Revolvers**

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 22.—(United
Press)—Many Anderson merchants are
taking out permits allowing them to
carry revolvers, the Madison county

clerk said today.

The numerous holdups of the last
few weeks are given as reasons by visitor here this morning.

The merchants, it is said, have adopted
the slogan "shoot first."

Troubled Times Ahead

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 22.—(United
Press)—Troubled times for the adminis-
tration of Herbert Males