

Ho, Farmers!
EVERYBODY!

Here is a chance
TO SAVE MONEY,

A chance never offered before, and we
intend to do as we agree.

We Will Sell
PLOW

This year cheaper than ever before, and
we will sell from

Five to Ten Per Cent. Cheaper

FOR CASH,

which makes the old reliable

Oliver Chilled Plow

Cost from fifty to ninety cents cheaper
than was ever sold in this county. Under
the same conditions we purpose selling
the celebrated

BRYAN STEEL PLOW

And we can safely say that this Plow has
no equal. We invite competition. Take
them, try them, and if not as recommended
bring them back and we will refund
your money. We also have the

Richmond and
Tiffin Steel Plows,

which stand alone upon their own recom-
mendation. A trial is all that is needed
to convince any one.

We also wish to call your special atten-
tion to the world renowned Steel Tooth

Vibrator Harrow!

Come and examine it. It will pay you
and convince you that it is better adapted
to all kinds of use than any harrow made;
costs from \$3 to \$5 less; consists from
five to nine more teeth, and does better
work with less labor than any spring
tooth harrow in the market.

A FULL LINE OF

COOK STOVES,

Trimmed out in every particular with
ground hollow ware and heavy pressed
ware, we are now offering

At Cost for Cash.

Then comes the never to be forgotten

Malta Cultivators,

The leading cultivator of the West, North
and South. Sells everywhere and gives
universal satisfaction. Remodeled and
improved for the season of 1881. They
are simply built, substantial and light.
They are higher in the arch, can be used
in either curve. Has the drop hitch, being
suspended to the axle makes the draft direct
from the plow. Can regulate it so that
the weight is all taken from the horse's
neck. Durability, Perfection of Work,
Lightness of Draft and Ease of Manage-
ment has gained for

THE MALTA

A world-wide reputation.

BEWARE OF IMITATIONS,

And buy only the genuine, for sale by us

Building Material

Made a Specialty. Come and examine our
stock, and be convinced that if you stand
by the

Old Reliable Hardware House

They will stand by you.

Thanking my friends for past favors, I
earnestly solicit your patronage in the
future.

Yours truly,

W. G. SPENCER.

Decatur, Ind., March 24, 1881.—51w8

CARPETS!

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
CLOTHING and GROCERIES

—AT—
JOHN EITING'S,
ODD FELLOW'S BLOCK.

THE DECATUR DEMOCRAT.

Non-Residents—Blackburn.

Notices of Insolvency—Peterson, Eley,
and Holmes.

Carpet—Eiting, Place, Ellworth & Co.,
Hickey & Broadbeck.

Tub Oysters at J. W. Place's.

Fresh Lemons at J. W. Place's.

Sweet Oranges at J. W. Place's.

New Maple sugar at J. W. Place's.

Go to Eiting's and see that new
stock of lace goods.

The largest and most complete
line of white goods in Decatur at John
Eiting's.

The finest line of dress trimmings in
town is at Eiting's. Call and
see them.

A new and large stock of ready-
made clothing for spring and summer
wear, just received at my store.

JOHN EITING.

Call at my store and be convinced
that you can save money by buy-
ing carpets of me.

JOHN EITING.

IMPORTANT TO TRAVELERS.—Special
inducements are offered you by the
Burlington Route. It will pay you to
read their advertisement to be found
elsewhere in this issue. 51w40

NOTICE.—To the assessors of Ad-
ams county: You are hereby notified
to meet at the Auditor's office in De-
catu on Friday, April 15th, next, at 10
o'clock a. m., for the transaction of
business.

G. CHRISTEN,
March 31, 1881. Auditor.

PHILIP CURD.

Dr. Schrader, of Indiana, will be at
the Meisner House, in Decatur, on Wed-
nesday, April 13, 1881, to cure piles
by the new method. Treatment pain-
less, will guarantee a cure in every
case. Call and see him. Consultation
free.

AFTER EIGHT LONG YEARS.—C. C.
Jacobs, 78 Polson Street, Buffalo, an
employee of the U. S. Express Co.,
says, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil cured
him of a severe case of Piles of 3 years
standing, having tried almost every
known remedy, "besides two Buffalo,"
without relief; but the Oil cured him;
he thinks it cannot be too highly recom-
mended.

Sold by Dorwin & Holthouse.

UNDERTAKING.—Hickey & Broadbeck,
successors to Hickey & Spangler, are
better prepared for attending funerals
than any other establishment in this
section. Their coffins are trimmed
with good substantial trimmings, and
all work done upon honor. Their house
is the latest styled and creditable to
the firm. They earnestly solicit an
examination of all their goods, feeling
satisfied that such will convince the
one taking the trouble that they carry
a better stock of furniture and are
better prepared for attending funerals
than any of their competitors. Please
give them a call.

NOTICE.—To lumber dealers: We
want to trade a buggy, wagon or spring-
wagon (two or three seated) for build-
ing timber of all kinds. We will also
be repairing of all kinds for lumber.
Call and see us. Who will be the first
to trade? We are doing repairing
twenty per cent. cheaper than any other
shop for cash. We adopted the cash
system last year and done twice the
amount of work and lost nothing, and
gave our customers the benefit of low
prices. Call and examine our stock
and save money. Just think of it! A
No. 1 two-horse wagon, warranted for
one year, for only \$65.00. You can
select your own timber. Thankful for
past patronage we remain, yours truly,
J. E. ELLSWORTH & Co.

ad.52w4.

CITY PARENTS.—The "parents" of
our town were in session on Tuesday
last for the transaction of some special
business. Two bonds were issued, one
in the sum of \$500, the other in the
sum of \$200, to Dr. T. T. Dorwin, in
payment for the property purchased
from him a few days since, and upon
which a building for council chamber,
marshal's room and room for the hook
and ladder trucks will be erected.
Members Moon and Auten were or-
dered to "draw up" plans for a building
30x16 feet and two stories high. Mem-
ber Martin was ordered to solicit bids
for the erection of the same. Civil
Engineer Breckenridge's system of sewer-
age was accepted. A committee,
composed of B. H. Dent, John Welley
and Andrew Barkley, was appointed to
appraise property along the proposed
route of the sewer. Orders for the
yearly salary of the members of the
board were issued, and after the con-
summation of some other minor busi-
ness the board adjourned to meet on
Tuesday evening next.

NEW LAW FIRM.—D. D. Heller and
Paul G. Hooper have formed a co-part-
nership in the practice of law, with
office in George Smith's building, front
room, second floor.

DIED.—Daniel O'Connell, of Fort
Wayne, and who was a step-son of the
late David Fitzgerald, of this place,
died from paralysis of the heart last
Saturday evening. The deceased leaves
a wife and six children.

IN LUCK.—Sheriff Henry Krick re-
ceived a draft on Tuesday last for
\$1,001.34, the amount of a paid-up in-
surance policy in the Connecticut Mut-
ual company. It was due on the 26th,
and on the 28th he got the wexel.

INSURANCE.—Mr. August Kroehler
has taken the agency for two Califor-
nia fire insurance companies, the Union
of California, and the Fireman Fund,
of California. These are both good
and reliable companies, a large number
of leading firms of Chicago having in-
sured in them. Call on Mr. Kroehler
and get your property insured.

DIED.—Last Sunday morning a Mrs.
Hull, who resided near the state line,
died from an abscess on the liver, and
about a half hour after she had died a
16-year old imbecile daughter died. It
was a sad sight to see two coffins being
conveyed to the same house, but a gen-
tleman who is a near neighbor and
whose name we will tell us it is really
a blessing that the daughter was relieved
of life, for had she lived, with her
mother gone, she would have received
but little care and attention. The hus-
band and father, Mr. Hull, died some
years ago.

ARRESTED.—Sallie Porter, of Ridge-
ville, partook of forbidden fruit some
time during the month of May, 1879,
and as time grew on she became man-
ifest that Sallie was destined to be the
centre of attraction at an "old women's
meeting." The unpleasant hour arrived
and Sallie found herself the mother
of a fatherless kid. It took her a long time
to decide who should share her sorrows,
but finally she caused the law to clasp
its fins on the frail form of a promi-
nent physician of Geneva. She swears
he did and he swears he didn't. Sus-
picion rests very strongly upon Sallie
that she could, with equal propriety,
cause the arrest of almost innumerable
blooms in that vicinity.

PERSONAL.—Miss Mattie Sewell
started for Valparaiso, last Monday,
where she will at end, normal school.

J. D. Hale of Geneva attended to
some business "between trains" on
Monday.

Isaac Strass, Esq., stopped off and
shook hands with Decaturites on Mon-
day. He was en route to Cincinnati
for his spring stock of clothing.

Rev. Carns, Mrs. Starbaker, Pen-
dleton Rice, T. J. Merryman and E.
A. Huffman will attend the M. E. con-
ference at Wabash next week.

T. J. Simeone is attending school at
Lebanon, Ohio.

A brother of Prof. Hastings has
been the guest of the latter for several
days.

Jesse Niblick and his sons, John
and James, arrived home from New
York yesterday.

A. E. Simpson is teaching in room
No. 5 during Miss Ballard's absence.

CHURCH REPORT.—Rev. J. B. Carns
furnishes us the report of his church
during the three years last past. We
submit it to our readers, as it certainly
presents a creditable showing:

Couples married.....	25
Funerals attended.....	47
Sermons preached.....	306
Social meetings attended.....	1,095
Teachers' meetings attended.....	85
Received on probation.....	133
" by letter.....	44
" into full membership.....	57
Dismissed by letter.....	31
Deduct persons.....	20
Deceased.....	6
Adults baptized.....	32
Children baptized.....	24
Sunday school average.....	126

We found 102 full members enrolled
and 18 probationers. We leave 152
full members and 29 probationers.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTION.—FULL.

Tract.....	\$ 2 50
Sunday School Union.....	4 25
Presbytery's Aid.....	17 00
Bishop's.....	13 82
Church Extension.....	40 00
Worn out Preachers.....	53 00
Education.....	55 00
Missions.....	180 00
Yellow fever sufferers.....	13 00

CHURCH EXPENSES.

Sabbath school.....	139 62
Organist.....	100 83
Sexton.....	156 00
Fuel, oil, lights, etc.....	93 88
Improvements.....	183 04
Debts Paid.....	182 30

With the sale of church, \$775, and
subscriptions, 7,673, we have the
pledged sum of \$8,448 for a new
church.

Methodist periodicals, 68.

BAD FLORENCE.—It will be remem-
bered by many of our citizens that
some months ago there arrived in our
town a lady, of rather prepossessing
appearance, who gave herself the name
of Mrs. Florence Bacon. Her home,
she said, was in Boston. Her business
here was book canvassing. The latter
fact is fresh in our memory, as we re-
member of having suggested to her
that she sell a book on manners to a
more or less esteemed friend of ours.
As stated above she was what is com-
monly recognized as a book agent, but
for some reason best known to herself
she was averse to being set down as a
mere book agent, depending upon the
profits derived therefrom for a liveli-
hood, and we are told that when intro-
duced to a stranger as one engaged in
the honorable calling of canvassing for
the sale of books her repugnance would
become strongly manifest. She endeavor-
ed to impress upon the minds of our peo-
ple that she was largely engaged in the
concert business; that is, she would go
to a town, teach the musical talent
thereof to sing a few pieces, give a con-
cert and divide the net proceeds. For a
time she was taken in and honeyed
over by many of our first citizens, and
it seemed for a time she was afforded
the best a Decatur platter could serve.
She wound up her career here by jump-
ing a good-sized wash bill, our musical
talent proving too "dly" for one so
perceptibly raw as she was. Leaving
her in search of "pastures new and
green," we find her at Goodland, this
state, where she got in her work to
the approval of herself, but there and
elsewhere she met with no success. Fol-
lowing from the "greenies" of Goodland,
two concerts were given, the receipts
amounting to \$34.31. The "greenies"
were deprived of the pleasant pastime
of even looking at the silver trunks
the burg with the concert receipts and
two weeks' grub in addition. From
there she went to New Castle and was
succeeding finely when the Decatur
of that city brought her unceremoniously
to a halt by exposing her conduct at
Goodland. The fact of the matter is,
she is a regular, she devil and coun-
dence woman, beating board bills, wash
bills, and all other bills she can. She
should be hoisted into the lower ex-
tremity of her shirt would come in con-
tact with her breast-pin.

GONE AWAY.—One day last week
ex-Sheriff James Stoops disappeared
from our town, leaving no information
to his family or friends as to his in-
tentions. It is said that domestic dif-
ficulties have made home an unpleas-
ant place for him for a long time, and
it is supposed that he left to free him-
self of the unpleasant surroundings.
We are also informed that the founda-
tion of his domestic difficulties rests
upon the damnable anonymous letter
practice. Both he and his wife were
recipients of anonymous letters denigra-
tory of the character of each. The
writers of anonymous letters are so low,
so mean, so despicable, that the English
language, in all its wealth of words,
fails to fittingly characterize them.
They are a curse to God, to humanity,
and we believe to themselves, and it is
a most humiliating fact that Decatur
is largely infested with a class of an-
onymous writers. No woman of vir-
tuous character, no man with an in-
finitesimal spark of manhood can be guilty
of so infamous an act as to seek to mar
the good name and character of an in-
dividual by sending anonymous letters
through the mails. What will be the
fate of such people when their misera-
ble lives are ended in this world is hard
to imagine; their very presence pol-
lutes the air that surrounds them here
and hell would not receive them at a
most liberal discount.

QUEER NAMES.—Our good friend of
the Butler Record, R. H. Weaver, for-
merly of the Adams county Union,
"gets off" some real happy conceits on
the "queer names" in our town. They
were published in the Record of last
week and we take pleasure in repro-
ducing them for the perusal of our
readers:

They have some queer names in the
town of Decatur, and vicinity, in Ad-
ams county, this state. The scientific
man may converse with Darwin, the
sportsman with Hunt, the poets with
Clouds. Then the Hart is made to
Riff while a Ray of silver Light comes
over the Hill on its Rout. The Gates
are always on the swing, and the Chris-
tians are found in many Numbers.
Sweet Williams abound and they will
be Lueky if they can entwine around
the Railings and the "Rufus" of the
pleasant Places. We'll Close before
we say something to Dent the feelings
of our good friends in Decatur.

Bro. Weaver is held in very kind
remembrance by those of our citizens
who enjoyed the pleasure of his ac-
quaintance during his brief stay in De-
catu; and for ourselves we have always
regretted that circumstances were such
as to render it inconvenient for him to
remain in our town. He is now publishing
the Record at Butler, and we shall al-
ways learn with pleasure of his pros-
perity.

CHAT.

Ten inches of snow and more falling.
Geneva sportsmen are shooting fish
in the Lob.

Sickness is on the increase in the
south part of the county.

The "school lands" that were adver-
tised were sold on Monday.

Postmaster Sholly thinks of putting
up new boxes in the postoffice.

Dr. Parker, of the Kendallville News,
is in Florida in search of health.

Del Phelps has taken the agency of
Whitely county for a life insurance
company.

Especially attention is called to the at-
tractive advertisement of W. G. Spence-
r in this paper.

A Mr. Schwalter, of Wabash town-
ship, says the entire fruit crop will be
a failure this year.

How we wish we could thank some
good patron for some maple wax, maple
sugar, or maple molasses.

Dr. S. G. Ralston, of Geneva, has
been commissioned as examining physi-
cian of pension applicants.

Rev. Adams will preach at the M. E.
church next Sunday. Farewell ser-
mon by Rev. Carns in the evening.

Just as we were congratulating our-
selves on the delightful spring weather
along came ten inches of snow and
settled right down on our midst.

The Record of Butler wants a home
dramatic company of that town to
play "Under the Gaslight." Pretty
heavy piece for amateurs to tackle.

Announcements for town officers will
be made in THE DEMOCRAT at \$2 a
head. Those wanting to serve their
country will please walk up to the desk.

Mr. Spriggs, the cattle king, is now
located in Bluffton with his stock.
Some few of our farmers improved the
opportunity and bought while he was
here.

Mr. George S. Stanton has purchased
an interest in the Lime City News,
the greenback paper at Huntington. We
wish George success in his new enter-
prise.

We understand that the school
board relieved Mr. McConnehey of the
keys and position of janitor of the
school building. It is said there are
two sides to the question that caused
such action.

It was more than a stranger bargained
for last Sunday when he found
himself obliged to walk a "mile or so"
in the country with the young lady
whom he had joined through the influ-
ence of an artistic flirt of his handker-
chief.

The humorous paragraphs in the
Gazette, if such they can be called,
are very fat indeed. When the fel-
lows that usually obtained editorial
stations on such small dailies as the
Gazette consign men like Frank Hart,
Senator Thurman, Samuel J. Tilden,
and Daniel W. Voorhees to lunatic
asylums it is safe to say that their
bumps of dampishness are well
developed.

We are in receipt of the Dayton
Daily Herald, Mr. F. J. Wendell's pa-
per, and we can truthfully say that it
contains more news to the square inch
than any daily on our exchange list.
Mr. Wendell will be remembered by
many of our citizens as business man-
ager of the Fort Wayne Gazette, and it
was he who succeeded in placing the
Gazette on a paying basis. Success to
him in his new enterprise.

A young fellow in the southwest part
of the county subscribed for THE DE-
MOCRAT six months for the alleged pur-
pose of having the proceedings of a
township institute, whereat the y. f.
had read an essay on how to catch tad-
poles, published "in fall." The pro-
ceedings were not published, and he
sends us a postal card, saying that he
is not satisfied because we didn't do as
he wanted us to. Now that young fel-
low's a daisy. If properly cared for he
may spring the cushion of a seat in
the U. S. senate ere he shuffles off.
Give him a chance.

FLAX STRAW WANTED.

To the Farmers of Adams and
adjoining Counties.

I will call your attention to a mat-
ter that concerns you as well as myself.
The culture of flax is very imperfectly
understood by a large majority of our
farmers. I desire to call your atten-
tion to a few very important points and
if proper consideration is given my
views I have no doubt but that pecuni-
ary benefits will accrue to those who
may see proper to follow my instruc-
tions. As a general rule our farmers
do not properly prepare the soil for flax
seed. The next evil is their sowing,
which is generally succeeded with a
crop of weeds and fox-tails instead of
lint and seed. Two pecks of seed to
the acre may produce an average crop
if the season is very favorable, but

three pecks to the acre is more certain
taking everything into consideration.
The best soil for to sow flax on is sod
ground, and next best to that is good
clean corn stubble. The ground should
be well prepared, well ploughed and
harrowed fine. Get a field roller and
make your ground smooth and fine,
then sow your seed and brush it in
with a brush, and put no less than
three pecks to an acre of ground.
Our farmers let the seed get too ripe
before harvesting, the result is shrink-
age in seed and a very unprofitable ar-
ticle to the crusher or manufacturer.
Don't let your flax get ripe before cut-
ting; it is necessary, but wrong. Some
think seed ought to have a brown col-
or before it is fit to cut. This is a mis-
take. When seed is fairly formed in
the boll, and begins to harden a little,
cut down your flax and let it ripen in
the swath. It will mature in 8 or 10
days. You will then have a quality of
seed that will be desirable. Seed saved
in this way will weigh six pounds more
to the stroked bushel than seed that
has ripened while standing. Try it once
and you will be convinced.

The next matter of importance is
taking care of the straw so it will real-
ize for you the highest market price.
The farmers of Huntington and adjoin-
ing counties are rotting their straw be-
fore bringing it into the market and
they are well pleased with the arrange-
ment, as the cost of rotting amounts to
but very little to the farmers, as they
are provided with ever facility. This
idea of rotting may not meet with much
favor; but I have no fears. After the
first experiment has been tried you will
never want to sell green straw after-
wards when you can get from \$2 to \$3
per ton more for rotted than for unrot-
ted. For your information I will say
that one man can spread out four tons
per day, and this amount should cover
one acre of ground as near as possible.
It must be shook out and spread very
light so the grass underneath can be
seen. There is one great advantage in
light spreading; it rots and dries quick-
ly. It will not rot evenly if it is laid
down in bunches, as the inside receives
material benefit while the exposed
parts will be properly rotted. There
need be no misunderstanding. When
farmers come to market their straw and
if I should find fault, say: "Well, I
can tell you it has been treated. I
sometimes get straw that is rotted
enough before the seed is taken off. I
also get some that is about half rotted.
These two qualities I can use by
mixing with well rotted stock.

The average price for different qual-
ities will be: For long, clean and well
rotted straw, \$6; green and unrotted, \$3.
The cost of rotting will not exceed 60
cents per ton to those who own the
ground and have cheap labor.

Farmers having straw of last year's
crop will find a market for it. If fur-
ther information is wanted by any par-
ties they will find me at the factory.
Farmers wanting to buy seed for
sowing can be accommodated by call-
ing on Niblick, Crawford & sons.

T. F. MYLOTT,
Decatur, Ind., Mar. 17, 1881.

NOTICE OF INSOLVENCY.

Notice is hereby given that at the Feb-
ruary term of the Adams Circuit Court, the
Estate of John C. Everhart, deceased, was
declared insolvent, and that the same will
be settled accordingly.

R. A. PETERSON, Administrator.
March 31, 1881.—51w8.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Notice is hereby given that the under-
signed has been appointed Administra-
tor, with the will annexed, of the Estate
of David Fitzgerald, late of Adams coun-
ty, deceased. The Estate is solvent.

TIMOTHY COFFEY,
Administrator.
Peterson & Huffman, Att'ys.
March 24, 1881.—51w8.

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LINIMENT

always Cures and never Disappoints
The world's greatest Pain-Reliever
for Man and Beast. Cheap, quick
and reliable.

PITCHER'S CASTORIA is a
Purifier. Children grow fat
upon Mothers Milk, and Physi-
cians recommend CASTORIA.
It regulates the Bowels, cures
Wind Colic, allays Feverishness,
and destroys Worms.

FIRST ON DECK!
Spring of 1881.
Now Showing
Latest Novelties
IN
Early Styles
OF
CLOTHING.
SAM, PETE & MAX,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

LOOK HERE!

Low Tariff!

THE REASON WHY

CONTER & HOLTHOUSE

Can Sell You

Boots and Shoes

Cheaper than any other House in the County.

We have the Largest Stock in the Market,

Therefore we can give you a better bargain than any
house in the County.

WE PAY CASH FOR OUR GOODS

And give the Benefit to our Customers,

Upon these conditions we solicit your patronage, and
agree to

Save you from 20 to 40 Per Cent.

We are closing out our Immense Stock to make room
for our

SPRING STOCK

REMEMBER,

This Offer is Good for Sixty Days,

CONTER & HOLTHOUSE.